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4. Two Matriculates, one with teaching experience to work as teacher and the other with good handwriting to work as clerk, to start on Rs. 20 per month each.

The applicants should state their age, date of qualifications and experience and should send testimonial if any.

The selected candidate shall be required to join the school in the first week of March and to enter upon a binding to serve for at least two years.

Apply sharp before 31st January, 1917, to the

VICE-PRESIDENT,
Viramgam Municipality.
6653

### PUBLIC NOTICES

### SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1501 of 1914.

POPATLAL MULCHAND, of Bombay Bania Hindu Inhabitant, a clerk residing at No. 4, Diamond Lodge, New Nagpada, without the Fort of Bombay .....Plaintiff

v/s.

1. Dadoba Damul Pathare, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, a Mechanic; 2. Khanderao Dadoba, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, unemployed; 3. Babu Dadoba, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, a minor, under the age of 18 years by his guardian ad litem Dadoba Damul Pathare, the 1st defendant abovenamed. 4. Babu Khanderao, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant a minor, under the age of 18 years by his guardian ad litem Khanderao Dadoba, the 2nd defendant abovenamed. 5. Anpurnabai, widow of Ananta Dadoba, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, 6. Babi, daughter of Ananta Dadoba, 7. Hari son of Ananta Dadoba, 8. Mankubai daughter of Ananta Dadoba the 6th, 7th and 8th all of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants, all minors by their guardian ad litem Anpurnabai, widow of Ananta Dadoba, the 5th defendant abovenamed; 9. Benbai, widow of Raghunath Damul, of Bombay Hindu inhabitant all 1 to 9 defendants residing at Parel, without the Fort of Bombay, 10. Sandanand Moreshwar; 11. Pandharinath Moreshwar; 12. Gulabbai daughter of Moreshwar Raghunath the 11th and 12th both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants both minors by their guardian ad-litem Sadanand Moreshwar the 10th defendant abovenamed; 13. Saraswatibai, widow of Moreshwar Raghunath of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, the defendants 10 to 13 residing at Mazgaon without the Fort of Bombay; 14. Waman Janardan of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant residing at Parel without the Fort of Bombay .....Defendants.

WHEREAS by a decree made in the above suit on the 12th day of October 1915, it was ordered inter alia that the said 1st, 2nd 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th defendants Dadoba Damul Pathare, Khanderao Dadoba, Babu Dadoba, Babu Khanderao, Anpurnabai, widow of Ananta Dadoba, Babi daughter of Ananta Dadoba, Hari, son of Ananta Dadoba and Mankubai, daughter of Ananta Dadoba, should pay to the plaintiff rupees eight hundred and fifty in full satisfaction of his costs in this suit.

AND WHEREAS by a Warrant of sale dated the 19th day of August, 1916, the Sheriff of Bombay was directed to sell by public auction all the right title and interest of the Defendants 1 to 8 in the lands and premises in the said Warrant mentioned, that is to say

FIRSTLY:—ALL that piece or parcel of Government Toka land or ground with the messuages, tenements and buildings built thereupon lying and being at Parel Village Road in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay which land forms portion of a larger piece of land registered in the Books of the Collector of Bombay under Old No. 37 New No. 14168 and New Survey No. 76 and the premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward F. No. 2637, Street No. 1331 and bounded as follows that is to say on the West by the property of Jairam Fakir on the East by the property of Sadanand Balaji and others on the North by a Private Passage and on the South by the family property of Damul Chimnaji.

SECONDLY:—ALL that piece or parcel of Government Toka land or ground with the messuages tenements and buildings built thereupon situate lying and being at Parel Village Road in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay which land together with the land firstly described hereinabove contains by admeasurement 482 square yards or thereabouts and is registered under Old No. 37 New No. 14168 and New Survey No. 76 and which premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward F. No. 2644 Street No. 1328 and bounded on the West by the property of Anandrao Ganpatrao on the East by the property of Hirji Dhoja on the North by the property of Damul Dhimnaji and on the South by Parel Village Road.

THIRDLY:—All that piece or parcel of Government Toka land or ground with the messuage tenement and chawl built thereupon situate lying and being in Parel Back Road in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 228 square yards or thereabouts is registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue Bombay under Old No. 29 New No. 14155 and New Survey No. 2/27 and which premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under F Ward No. 2693 and Street No. 1387 and bounded on the West by the property of Damodar Raghoba on the East by a Private Lane on the North by a Private Lane and on the South by the property of Waman Janardan.

FOURTHLY—All that piece or parcel of vacant land or ground of Government Toka situate lying and being at Parel Village Road in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 187 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 37 New No. 14168 and New Survey No. 1/80 and bounded on the West by the property of Fakirji Nasserwanji on the East by Laxmi Narayan Temple on the North by the property of Gopinath Raghunath and on the South by Parel Village Road.

NOW IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND NOTIFIED that on the date and at the hours and places undermentioned the Sheriff of Bombay will under and by virtue of the said Warrant of sale put up for sale by Public Auction to the highest bidder and without reserve the right, title and interest of the said Defendants 1 to 8 in the said lands and premises or in so much thereof as may be necessary for the satisfaction of the said decree, costs of previous execution and of the said Warrant of sale.

The properties 1stly, 2ndly, 3rdly and 4thly above described will be sold on the premises at Parel Village Road, without the Fort, at 3-30, 3-45, 4 and 4-15 p.m. (S.T.) respectively, on Wednesday the 28th day of February 1917.

The following is a list of the rights, charges and claims to which the said lands and premises are supposed to be liable.

(1) Claim of Defendants 9 and 13 for Rs 1,500.

(2). Poonamchand Deepajee & Co., claims a charge under a writing dated 5th November 1911 for Rs. 500 with interest thereon advanced to Khanderao Waman the 2nd Defendant on the property thirdly mentioned

Intimation is given that the Court does not warrant the correctness of the above description of the premises nor the title of the said Defendants 1 to 8 to the same or to any interest therein

Should the said Defendants 1 to 8 have no saleable interest whatever in any lot to be sold in accordance with this Proclamation any sum paid by the purchaser by way of full or part payment for the same will be repayable to the purchaser.

The abovementioned plaintiff has not obtained permission to bid at the sale

Of the price of each lot one-fourth shall be paid forthwith when the lot is knocked down to a purchaser, the remainder of the purchase money must be paid in each case by the purchaser to the Sheriff on or before the 15th day after the sale.

The sale will not become absolute until confirmed by the Court.

In default of payment in whole or in part as above prescribed, any sum paid as deposit will be forfeited to the Government and the lot will be sold free from any interest therein or in the proceeds thereof of the prior purchaser

For further information and conditions of sale application should be made at the office of the Sheriff.

Dated this 16th day of January, 1917.

T. W. BIRKETT,
Sheriff of Bombay.

Messrs. Sabnis and Goregaoker,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

### THE BOMBAY ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

BOMBAY REGISTER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PREFERENCE SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 24th day of January, 1917, to the 6th day of February, 1917, both days inclusive for preparation of Warrants for the Dividend for the half year ending 15th February, 1917, payable to Shareholders registered on the 24th day of January, 1917.

By Order of the Board
PESTONJI D. MAHALUXMIVALA,
Secretary.

Bombay, 18th January, 1917. 6638

### MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay upto 1 p.m., (B.T.), on THURSDAY, the 25th day of January, 1917, for works in the construction of a semi-permanent chawl (consisting of 14 rooms) and three seated water closets including drainage and water fittings for the Carcass Establishment at Tardeo Flats.

2. Form of contract, Specification, etc., may be obtained free of charge from the undersigned, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

3. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender

4. Tenders delivered to Officers other than the Chief Accountant of the Municipality or the Commissioner will not be considered.

5. It is particularly requested that any firm tendering for the contract should intimate while submitting their tender the names of the partners constituting the firm.

6. The rates must be carefully entered by the intending tenderers and no variation or alteration therein will be allowed by the Commissioner on any account after the tenders are opened.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner.
JAMES W. MACKISON,
B. Sc., M. Inst., C.E.,
Executive Engineer.

Executive Engineer's Office.
Bombay 17th January, 1917. 6691

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

KNOW All Men that I, the undersigned HASHAM MIYA HAJI ISMAIL CHHOTANI am still a minor and the High Court of Bombay has appointed Mia MAHOMED HAJI JAN MAHOMED CHHOTANI the guardian of my property. Now I declare that during the course of my minority and taking advantage of my young age several persons have induced me to sign blank and undated Promissory Notes, Bonds and other like documents with a view to enforce the same when I have come of age. With the view that these persons may not hereafter allege that the said notes, bonds or documents were signed by me after attaining majority I have decided henceforth to write and sign my name as "Mahomed Hasham Haji Ismail Chhotani" and I shall call myself and be known by that name at all times hereafter

All persons in possession of the said notes bonds and documents are hereby required to cancel and give up the same to my Solicitors Messrs. Ardesir Hormasji Dinshaw and Co., at 113, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, or retain them at their peril.

HASHAM MIYA HAJI ISMAIL CHOTANI,
Now known as
MOHOMED HASAM HAJI ISMAIL CHOTANI.

Dated this 16th day of January, 1917.

### NOTICE

IT was intended to hold the Jey Samand Horse and Cattle Fair at Alwar from 10th to 20th December but for special reasons the dates had to be POSTPONED.

2. It is now intended to hold the Jey Samand Horse and Cattle Fair during the Alwar Week from 10th to 18th March, 1917, and preparations are being made on a large scale for the various Shows, Exhibitions and Amusements which will include:—

(a) The famous Rangpanchmi Holi of Alwar on 13th March when some Ruling Princes will also be present.
(b) Opening ceremony of the Jey Samand which has been constructed to impound the waters of the Historical Ruparel River.
(c) Theatre, Bioscope and Music by famous Singers.
(d) Industrial Exhibition, Agricultural Exhibition and Flower Show.
(e) Sanatan Dharma Lectures
(f) Shooting and pig sticking in the State preserves.
(g) Cricket Matches and a Tennis tournament.
(h) Fencing Matches and Wrestling competition by some of the most famous Pehalwans of the Punjab and India.

3. The Fair commences on 10th March and owners of Horses, Cattle, Elephants and Camels who bring their animals to the Fair will be provided with concessions and conveniences such as free grass and Habub.

4. The State desires to purchase some Rs 10,000 worth of Camels, Rs. 10,000 worth of Horses and 3,000 to 5,000 worth of Cattle.

5. Suitable prizes will be awarded to owners of the best Cattle, Horses, Camels and Exhibits.

6. A Camp will be pitched for Regimental Officers intending to visit Alwar for purching remounts at the Fair and arrangements can be made for their convenience if intimation is sent to the Secretary Jey Samand Fair Alwar before 25th February latest.

7. Intending Exhibitors and Visitors requiring further information can communicate with—

THE SECRETARY.
Jey Samand Fair.
ALWAR.
6683

### PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the UNDERSIGNED is the owner of SHARE CERTIFICATE bearing No. 2878 of the Central India Spinning Weaving and Manufacturing Company, Limited, standing in the name of the late Bai Manekbai Byramji Banaji The said Share Certificate is now in the possession of the Company who had granted a temporary receipt for it bearing No. 4043 to the deceased Mukundrai Keshowlal. The deceased Mukundrai Keshowlal having obtained possession of the said Share Certificate by criminal fraud had no right to deal with it in any way. Any person in possession of this temporary receipt is requested to communicate with the undersigned and deliver the same to him.

SOHRAB B. BANAJI,
Picket Road, Kalbadevi,
Bombay, 18th January 1917. 6689

### NOTICE.

To,
The SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ARAB STEAMERS, LIMITED.

Gentlemen,

I, the UNDERSIGNED, one of the shareholders of aforesaid Company, hereby request you all to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held at the Registered Office of the Company in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Buildings, Church Gate Street, Fort, Bombay, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, 1917, at 4-30 o'clock in the afternoon (S. T.), when the following important resolution about the management of the said Company will be placed before them by me on behalf of myself and the other shareholders of the Company. The business is very important. It affects the vital interests of the shareholders. I propose at the Meeting to point out to the shareholders that all the earnings of the Company are being wasted in heavy expenses and that unless the management is put on a sounder footing, the shareholders' interests will be greatly prejudiced. The resolution which I beg to propose, is as follows:—

1. That a Committee be appointed consisting of three independent shareholders, not connected either directly or indirectly with Messrs. Turner, Morrison and Co., Ltd., the Agents of the Company, to be named at the Meeting, for the following purposes:—
   (a) To inquire into the accounts published in the last balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1915.
   (b) To ascertain how and why such a large sum as Rs. 1,59,000-0-0 was paid as a commission and brokerage and to report whether any commission or brokerage was improperly paid.
   (c) To inquire why the Company had to refund freight to the extent of Rs. 2,37,000-0-0.
   (d) To ascertain whether it was necessary to spend such a large sum as Rs. 92,000-0-0 for Office establishments for managing a small fleet of four steamers.
   (e) To examine the accounts and find out why the Company has not been able to pay more than 3 per cent. as dividend in these times as reported by the Directors.
   (f) To inquire into the dealings between the Company and Messrs. Alcock, Ashdown and Co., Ltd., and to ascertain what interests the Agents of the Company have in the said Alcock, Ashdown and Co., Ltd.
   (g) The said Committee shall have power to examine all the accounts and call for explanations from the Agents on such matters as they may think fit for the purposes aforesaid, and to submit their report within three months from the date of their appointment as a Committee.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1916.

C. I. PAREKH,
Shareholder.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "YETOROFU MARU" having arrived on the 16th instant, from JAPAN via Hongkong, Singapore, Malacca and Colombo, the CONSIGNEES of her CARGO are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to this Office for counter-signature without delay. No survey will be held on cargo damaged or in doubtful condition unless a written application for such survey is received by the undersigned within seven days from the date of discharge. Capt. J. C. Richards of Messrs. Ericson and Richards, Company's Surveyors, will be attending Docks every morning to survey damages. Cargo removed from the Landing Shed or warehoused is not entitled to the survey. No survey will be held on bag cargo in single gunnies. The Bills for CLAIMS are to be sent into this Office within one month from the date of Steamer's arrival otherwise they will not be entertained.

T. KAWAGUCHI,
Manager,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "PENANG MARU" having arrived on the 17th instant, from JAPAN via Hongkong, Singapore, Malacca, and Colombo, the CONSIGNEES of her CARGO are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to this Office for counter-signature without delay. No survey will be held on cargo damaged or in doubtful condition unless a written application for such survey is received by the undersigned within seven days from the date of discharge. Capt. J. C. Richards of Messrs. Ericson and Richards Company's Surveyors, will be attending Docks every morning to survey damages. Cargo removed from the Landing Shed or warehoused is not entitled to the survey. No survey will be held on bag cargo in single gunnies. The Bills for CLAIMS are to be sent into this Office within one month from the date of Steamer's arrival otherwise they will not be entertained.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that BURJORJEE MUNCHERJEE UNWALLA, of Bombay, Parsee Inhabitant, has contracted to sell the property hereinafter described to our client Vithal Dewji Kungutker. All persons having any claims or demands against or to the said property either by way of mortgage, gift, sale, use, trust, possession, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office No. 48, Medows Street, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim or demand and the same if any will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground containing by admeasurement 256 8/9 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 415 and New Survey Nos. 8190 and 9570 together with the messuage, tenement or building standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under A. Ward No. 362, Street No. 381, all which premises are situate at and on the Eastern side of Lower Colaba Road in Borah Cross Lane at Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and are bounded on the East by Pestonji Shroff Street, on the West by Lower Colaba Road, on the North by property of Rustomjee Framjee and on the South by Borah Cross Lane and were formerly and are now in the occupation of the said Vendor and his tenants.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1917.

VACHHA & Co.,
6690 Purchaser's Attorneys.

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 550 of 1915.

KHETSEY KHAISEY and another ..... Plaintiffs.

versus

HAJI AHMED bin MANSOOR ALKARE ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to the Decree absolute made in the above suit and bearing date the 2nd day of October, 1916, the following immoveable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his office in the Court House on THURSDAY, the 25th day of January, 1917, at the hour of five o'clock in the afternoon (Standard Time).

PARTICULARS.

All the right, title and interest of the plaintiffs and the defendant abovenamed in all that piece or parcel of Leasehold land or ground being plot No. 62, situate on the North side of the Princess Street, on the Princess Street Estate of the Bombay Improvement Trust, containing by admeasurement (667) six hundred and sixty-seven square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Collector of Bombay under New Survey Nos. 1691 (part), 1695 (part), 1696 (part), together with the messuages, tenements and buildings now standing thereon which said hereditaments and premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward Nos. 1100, 1103, 1107 and 1108 and Street Nos. 31, 33, 35, 39, 41, 51, 53, 67 and 69 and bounded on the North by a service passage, on the East by Plot No. 65, on the South by Princess Street and on the West by Plot No. 61.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. Matubhai, Jamietram and Madan, Attorneys for the plaintiffs abovenamed, at No 9, Bell Lane, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1916.

H. H. WADIA,
6542 Commissioner.

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE V. by the Grace of God of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of HAJEE ATAVLA bin MIRZA ABU TALIB MAZANDRANI, widower, a merchant, late of Bombay Shiah Mogul Mahomedan inhabitant ...Deceased.

1. ABU TALIB bin HAJEE ATAVLA MAZANDRANI

and

2. SOGRABIBI, widow of SYED AKBARSHAH, both of Bombay Shiah Mogul Mahomedan inhabitants, being one of the sons and daughter of the abovenamed deceased both residing at Kazi Street without the Fort of Bombay .....Petitioners

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir BASIL SCOTT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen and in the seventh year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) A. M. KAJIJI,
Registrar.

(Sd.) W. J. HOWARD.

The 6th day of December, 1916.

Messrs. SHROFF DINSHA & DHARAMSI,
6681 Petitioners Attorneys.

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### SALE BY AUCTION

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AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT PAREL ROAD, CHINCHPOKLY, OPPOSITE BYCULLA GOODS DEPOT, G. I. P. RAILWAY.

Under instructions from the Trustees of the Charities of Seth Tapidas Varajdas and Tulsidas Varajdas, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th February, 1917, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), sell by Public Auction, on the premises, the following valuable property:—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of redeemed foras tenure with the messuages, tenements, and buildings standing thereon, containing by admeasurement as stated in the conveyance, dated 15th June, 1901, from Dayabhoy Tapidas to Dayabhai Tapidas and others, 9,560 square yards or thereabouts but actually admeasuring about 9,716 square yards or so situate lying and being in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, on the East side of Parel Road at Chinchpokly, outside the Fort of Bombay, and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under No. 143 and assessed by the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward E. Nos. 7486 (1), 7486 (2), 7486 (3), 7486 (4), 7487 (4A), 7487 (4B), 7487 (4C), 7487 (5), 7487 (6), 7487 (7), Street Nos. 85, 85a, 85b, 85c, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 44, 4B, Parel Road, and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the East by the land belonging to the Representatives of Jairajbhoy Peerbhoy deceased, on or towards the West partly by Parel Road and partly by Police Chowky, on or towards the North by the premises belonging to the late Damoderdas Tapidas and on or towards the South partly by the property belonging to Jamnadas Premchand partly by a mosque, by a passage and partly by the said Chowky.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to Messrs. Smetham, Byrne and Co., Attorneys for the Vendors or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF COTTON.
Suit No. 1049 of 1916.

Jetha Devji & Co. .....Plaintiffs.

v/s

Ladharam Dhanraj & another.....Defendants.

Pursuant to the authority given to the plaintiffs by the decree in the above suit, made on the 31st October 1916, Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will, under instructions from the plaintiffs Messrs. Jetha Devji & Co., put up for sale, on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant at 4-30 p.m., (S.T.), 5 Bales of old Khandesh cotton bearing Mark L. J. lying in the godown known as the Nichol G Godown at the Cotton Green, Colaba, which is in the occupation of Messrs. Jetha Devji & Co.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY at Kalachowki Road, Parel.

THIS-DAY THURSDAY, the 18th January 1917, at 5 p.m. (S.T.) Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, the following property belonging to the estate of late Mr. Bomanji Edulji Cashinath:—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground situate, lying and being on the Kalachowki Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement two hundred and sixty-seven square yards be the same little more or less and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue along with other land under Collector's Old Nos. 767 and 767, and Collector's New Nos. 12752 and 12755, and New Survey Nos. 1-2519, 1-2525, and upon which stand buildings assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal taxes under E Ward No. 7680, Street No. 14, Parel Road, and bounded on the East by the property of Sorabji Dinshaw Sopariwalla, on the West by the property of Ganoo Saccaram Mohaley, on the North by the Kalachowki Road, from Parel Chawl to Arthur Road and on the South by the property of Govind Moroba.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to Messrs. Wadia Ghandy and Co.'s Solicitors at Oriental Buildings, Esplanade Road, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

BENNETT & Co.,
Bombay, 17th January, 1916.

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1st: 2nd: 3rd & 4th February 1917.

Drawing 5th February 1917.

MONSTER LUCKY-BAG.

30,000 Tickets at Rupee One each.

57 Large and 2,500 Consolation Prizes.

| | | | Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Prize | | Motor Car | 4,000 |
| 2nd Prize | | Victoria...(C. Spring). | 1,000 |
| 3rd Prize | | Horse | 400 |
| 4 to 8 | 5 | Harmonium, each of Rs. 100 | 500 |
| 9 to 13 | 5 | Free wheel Bicycles at Rs. 100 | 500 |
| 14 to 23 | 10 | Gold Bangles and other real Gold Jewellery... | 300 |
| 24 to 28 | 5 | Gold Watches at Rs. 100 | 500 |
| 29 to 49 | | Silver Coffee Sets & other big Silver items not less than Rs. 20..... | 600 |
| 50 to 54 | 5 | Office Clocks at Rs. 25. | 125 |
| 55 | | One Fire Proof Iron Safe. | 75 |
| 56 & 57 | | Two Silver Photo frames at Rs. 25 | 50 |
| 2,500 | | Consolation Prizes | 3,500 |
| 2,557 | | | 11,550 |

APPLY EARLY FOR TICKETS TO

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cures all kinds of pain.

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# COMMERCIAL

## CABLE QUOTATIONS.

### COTTON.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Liverpool, Jan. 16th.

| | | Bales. |
|---|---|---|
| Total Day's Sales as Liverpool | | 7,000 |
| " " Sales on Spec. & for Exp. | | 500 |
| " " Sales of East Indian | | 50 |
| " " Imports | | 11,000 |
| Mid. Americans | | 10.79 |
| Egyptian F. G. F. | | 20.70 |
| New York 11 a.m. (As known in closing time.) | March | 17.45 |
| | May | 17.69 |
| New Orleans 10 a.m. | March | 17.07 |
| | May | 17.26 |

CLOSING PRICES.

Liverpool, Jan. 16th.

| Months. | To-day's closing price |
|---|---|
| January | 10.58 |
| Jan.-Feb. | 10.58 |
| Feb.-March | 10.59 |
| March-April | 10.64 |
| April-May | 10.64 |
| May-June | 10.68 |
| June-July | 10.66 |
| July-Aug. | 10.54 |
| Aug.-Sept. | 10.40 |
| Sept.-Oct. | 10.10 |
| Oct.-Nov. | 9.97 |
| Nov.-Dec. | 9.90 |
| Dec.-Jan. | 9.85 |
| Jan.-Feb. | 9.83 |

CLOSING EGYPTIAN FUTURE PRICES.

Liverpool, Jan. 16th.

| | To-day's price. |
|---|---|
| March | 18.55 |
| May | 18.10 |
| July | 18.00 |

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Liverpool, Jan. 16th.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| M. G. Bengal | Good | 7.34 |
| " " | Fully Good | 7.51 |
| " " | Fine | 7.70 |
| " No. 1 Oomra | Good | 8.24 |
| " " | Fully Good | 8.42 |
| " " | Fine | 8.60 |
| " Broach | Good | 9.09 |
| " " | Fully Good | 10.17 |
| " " | Fine | 10.35 |

AMERICAN MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 15th.

| | |
|---|---|
| Day's Exports to Great Britain to Continent | 38,000 2,000 |
| Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality) | 10 |
| Demand Bills | 4.75.85 |
| Silver Commercial Bars | 74½ |

MONEY MARKET.

London, Jan. 15th.

| | |
|---|---|
| Bar Silver Spot | 36 |
| Closing Tone of Silver:—Quiet. | |
| Discount, Bank of England Rate 6 per cent since 15th July 1916. | |
| Discount Bank Bills 3 m/s | 5 1/16 |
| " Indian Bank Bills 6 m/s | 2⅞ |
| " Fine Trade Bills 3 months | 5⅛ |
| " " 4 " | 5⅛ |
| Interest day to day loans | 5½ |
| " 7 day market loans | 5½ |
| Consols 2½ % | 55 |
| Rupee Paper 5½ % | 55½ |
| Indian Stock 3½ % (Sterling Loan) | 65 |
| Government Securities 3 % | 55½ |
| Ex. on London at Paris Francs. | 27.60 |

London, Jan. 16th

| | |
|---|---|
| Bar Silver Spot | 36 No change. |

WAR LOANS.

London, Jan. 15th

| | |
|---|---|
| 4½ % 1925—1928 | £81 |
| 4½ % 1925—1945 | £99 |

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

London, Jan. 15th.

WHEAT.

| | |
|---|---|
| Wheat Afloat for United Kingdom | 2,195,000 |

SOUTH AMERICAN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Rosario Santa Fe—61½ lbs. Afloat | 79 |
| Barletta Russo—63 lbs. Afloat | 80/6 |

AUSTRALIAN.

| | |
|---|---|
| South Australian, quoted | 81/6 |

BARLEY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Karachi Barley. Afloat Sellers | 68 |

SEEDS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Rapeseed, Ferozepore Usual Bold: Feb.-Mar. Sellers | 90/6 |
| Rapeseed, Yellow Gujerat, 416 lbs. ex-Ship Dec.-Jan. Nominal | 94 |
| Rapeseed, Brown, Cawnpore 416 lbs. ex-ship, Jan.-Feb. Sellers | 88/6 |
| Toria Rapeseed Feb.-Mar. Sellers | 93/6 |

LINSEED.

| | |
|---|---|
| Linseed Bombay per 416 lbs. ex-Ship Jan. Feb. Sellers | 105 |
| Linseed Calcutta Jan. Feb. Buyers | 104/6 |

METALS.

| | |
|---|---|
| English best Selected Copper | £137½ |
| Standard Copper G.M.B | |
| Copper Brazers | |
| Yellow Metal | |
| Hard Spelter Nominal | 40 |

FREIGHT.

Coals:—Cardiff to Bombay Canal.—Nominal.

JAVA SUGAR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Raw Java Nos. 16/18 D. & F. Calcutta Jan.-Feb. | | 23 |
| Raw Java, D. & F. | Bombay Jan.-Feb. | 23/3 |
| Do. | Karachi Jan.-Feb. | 23/4 |
| Fine White Java D. & F. | Calcutta Jan.-Feb. | 25/3 |
| Do. | do. Bombay Jan.-Feb. | 25/6 |
| Do. | do. Karachi Jan.-Feb. | 25/7 |

RUBBER.

| | |
|---|---|
| Para Rubber Fine Hard Cure February value | 3/2 |
| Plantation First Latex Crepe April-June | 2/11½ |

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| Compta & Dharwar | 18,359 | 43,675 | — 25,316 |
| Northerns-Westerns | 9,831 | 25,070 | — 15,239 |
| Coconada | 8,416 | 7,063 | + 1,351 |
| Tinnevelly and Cambodia | 4,805 | 10,741 | — 5,936 |
| Dhollera | 31,746 | 39,188 | — 7,442 |
| Broach | 464 | 14,050 | — 13,586 |
| Rajputana | 52,952 | 26,343 | + 26,609 |
| N.W. Prov. | 226,036 | 236,997 | — 8,939 |
| Sind-Punjab | 111,479 | 93,960 | + 18,519 |
| Persian | 56 | 377 | — 291 |
| American | 3 | .... | + 3 |
| Egyptian | 184 | 265 | — 81 |
| Other Sorts | 5,844 | 2,107 | + 3,887 |
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| Sounde-Punjab (M.G.) | 309 | 299 | 285 | —Ready |
| | 310 | 300 | 287 | —1/25th Jan. 17. |
| Khandesh (M.G.) | — | 370 | 350 | —Ready |
| | — | 380 | 365 | —1/25th Jan. 17. |
| Jalna (M.G.) (G.S.) | — | — | 345 | —Ready |
| Barsee (M.G.) (G.S.) | — | — | 336 | —Ready |
| Oomra (M.G.) (Fair-Staple) | — | 382 | 366 | —Ready |
| | — | — | — | — |
| Akola Khamg. | — | 385 | 369 | —Ready |
| Karanja(M.G.) | — | 373 | 377 | —1/25th Jan. 17. |
| Oomrawatee Descriptions (M.G.) | — | 385 | 369 | —Ready |
| | — | 390 | 374 | —1/25th Jan. 17. |
| Dharmangaum (M.G.) | — | 390 | 371 | —Ready |
| Poolgaum(M.G.) | — | 392 | 376 | —1/25th Jan. 17. |
| Yeotmal (M.G.) | — | 390 | 374 | —Ready |
| | — | 395 | 379 | —1/25th Jan. 17. |
| Nagpore | — | 394 | 378 | —Ready |
| Kampti (M.G.) | — | 394 | 384 | —1/25thJan.1917 |
| Wardha H'ghat (M.G.) | — | 405 | 379 | —Ready |
| | — | 400 | 384 | —1/25thJan.1917 |
| Broach (M.G.) | — | 406 | — | —1/25thMar. 17. |
| | — | — | — | —392/3 1/25thApril17. |
| Wadhwan (M.G.) | — | — | — | — |
| Wadhwan (H.G.) | — | 360 | 340 | —Ready |
| Mathia (M.G.) | — | 365 | 338 | —1/25th Jan. 17. |
| Bhagalkote-Bijapur (M.G.) | — | — | — | 406April/May 1917 |
| | — | — | — | — |
| Sawgd. Dharwar | — | — | — | 406April/May 1917 |
| | — | — | — | — |
| Westerns (M.G.) | — | — | — | 402May/June 1917 |
| Westerns (H.G.) | — | — | — | 392May/June 1917 |
| | — | — | — | — |
| Compta (M.G.) | — | — | — | 409April/May 1917 |
| | — | — | — | — |
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| " Karachi Bangla | 46 0 0 | 6 15 0 |
| Rapeseed, Brown Delhi | 7 8 0 | 7 8 0 |
| " Brown Cawapore | 7 8 0 | 7 8 0 |
| " Yellow Cawapore | 7 8 0 | 7 14 0 |
| Linseed, Brown Bold | 10 0 0 | 10 12 0 |
| " Brown Thin | 10 2 0 | 10 8 0 |
| Teelseed, White 85-15 | 49 0 0 | 10 0 0 |
| " Gajar 75-25 | 47 0 0 | 10 0 0 |
| " Black | 51 0 0 | 8 4 0 |
| " Gajar 50-50 | 46 0 0 | 9 10 0 |
| Poppyseed, White | 7 14 0 | 8 8 0 |
| Groundnuts | 45 0 0 | — — |
| Mowraseed | 4 8 0 | 4 12 0 |
| Jowa | 33 0 0 | 5 0 0 |
| Arandie | 43 0 0 | — — |
| Forward. | Rs. a. p. | |
| Wheat April-May | 6 7 0 | |
| Linseed May | 11 3 4½ | |
| Teelseed White 85-15 Dec./Jan. | 10 6 6 | |
| " Gajar 75-25 Dec./Jan. | 10 0 0 | |
| " Gajar 50-50 Dec./Jan. | 9 10 0 | |
| " Black Dec./Jan. | 8 4 0 | |
| Linseed Sept. | 11 12 6 | |

## JAM SHRI RANJITSINGHJI MILLS.

The nineth Ordinary General Meeting of the above company was held yesterday afternoon in the registered offices of the company in Churchgate Street when Mr. Lalji Naranji presided. The following report was submitted:

As will be seen from the Abstract of Profit and Loss Account, the Company has during the year made a profit of Rs. 1,00,607-2-7 including the balance of Rs. 4,398-7-2 of previous year. After writing off Rs. 78,500, for depreciation of machinery, etc. there is a balance of Rs. 22,107-2-7 which the Directors recommend may be dealt with as under:—to Dividend at Rs. 20 per share on 812 shares, Rs. 16,240, to Bonus to Employees, Rs. 2,000, and carried to next year's account, Rs. 3,867-2-7.

Messrs. Lalji, Murarji and Company, the Agents of the Company, have voluntarily foregone Rs. 21,165-15-9 out of commission (Rs. 33,165-15-9) earned by them during the year, for which thanks are due to them.

Owing to prevalence of plague at Sholapur during major portion of the year, want of hands was keenly felt. This came in the way of smooth and regular working of the Mill and resulted in curtailment of production to some extent. Since the date of last General Meeting, 150 Debentures of "C" series of 500 each have been re-paid in July last. Out of the total number of 1,200 Debentures 339 Debentures still remain to be subscribed. Out of these unsubscribed Debentures 229 Debentures are held by Messrs. Mulji Jaitha & Co., as security against the balance of about Rs. 1,10,400 of their loan.

Mr. Naranji Dwarkadas, Chairman of the Board of Directors, resigned his seat on the Board in April last. In accepting his resignation the Board placed on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered and hearty co-operation given by him since the establishment of the Company. Your Mill Buildings, Machinery and Stock and Stock-in-process are insured against risk of fire for Rs. 15,99,071.

The recommendations were adopted and Messrs. Hirachand Ramchand, Madhavsing Narottam and the Hon. Mr. B. S. Kamat were re-appointed directors, as also the auditors Messrs. K. S. Aiyar & Co., and Mr. J. K. Parulker.

## BOMBAY MARKET.

### COTTON.

(From our Commercial Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, Jan. 17.

The market at Colaba opened firm with M. G. Good Broach at Rs. 291-8 and advanced to Rs. 292/8 on jobbers buying.

A fair amount of settlement for January contracts is made and some business also is reported in other Berar qualities.

Ready is quiet. Quotations:—

M. G. Good Broach, Rs. 392/8.

M. G. Fully Good Bengal, Rs. 291.

M. G. K/Akola, Rs. 396/5.

Messrs. PATEL BROS' APPROXIMATE QUOTATIONS AT MID-DAY.

Bombay, Jan. 17th.

| Description. | Delivery. Jan 1917 | Mar. 1917 | April 1917 | Spot. Cotton. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Broach, Good M.G. | — | 403 | 389 | — |
| Broach, Fine M.G. | — | 403 | 4.0 | New |
| Bengal, F.G. M.G. | 289 | 229 | — | 280/90 |
| Bengal, Fine M.G. | 300 | 300 | — | 290/00 |
| Bengal, Superfine M.G. | — | — | — | 300/10 |
| Rajputana, Fine M.G. | — | — | — | 292/02 |
| Sind Punjab, Fine M.G. | — | — | — | 290/00 |
| Kham./Akola Fine M.G. | 360 | 365 | — | 375/85 |
| Kilich/Amraoti, Fine M.G. | — | — | — | 377/87 |
| Dhamg./Pulgaon, Fine M.G. | — | — | — | 380/90 |
| Yeotmal, Fine M.G. | — | — | — | 372/92 |
| Nagpore, Fine M.G. | — | — | — | 386/96 |
| Hingt./Wardha, Fine G.M. | — | — | — | — |
| Khandesh, Fine M.G. | 377 | — | — | 350/70 |
| Khandesh, F.G. M.G. | 363 | — | — | 330/40 |
| Khandwa Barawad F.G. M.G. | — | — | — | 355/65 |
| Jalna F.G. M.G | — | — | — | 345/55 |
| Indore, F.G. M.G. | — | — | — | — |
| Ujjain, F.G. M.G. | — | — | — | — |
| Nander, F.G. M.G. | — | — | — | — |
| Mathia, Fine M.G. | — | — | — | 345/55 |
| Mathia, F.G. M.G. | — | — | — | 335/45 |
| Sawgunsed Dharwar Good | — | — | — | — |
| Coompta, Good M.G. | — | — | — | — |
| Westerns, Good M.G. | — | — | — | — |
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| | — | — | — | — |
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| Poolgaum(M.G.) | — | 392 | 376 | —1/25th Jan. 17. |
| Yeotmal (M.G.) | — | 390 | 374 | —Ready |
| | — | 395 | 379 | —1/25th Jan. 17. |
| Nagpore | — | 394 | 378 | —Ready |
| Kampti (M.G.) | — | 394 | 384 | —1/25thJan.1917 |
| Wardha H'ghat (M.G.) | — | 405 | 379 | —Ready |
| | — | 400 | 384 | —1/25thJan.1917 |
| Broach (M.G.) | — | 406 | — | —1/25thMar. 17. |
| | — | — | — | —392/3 1/25thApril17. |
| Wadhwan (M.G.) | — | — | — | — |
| Wadhwan (H.G.) | — | 360 | 340 | —Ready |
| Mathia (M.G.) | — | 365 | 338 | —1/25th Jan. 17. |
| Bhagalkote-Bijapur (M.G.) | — | — | — | 406April/May 1917 |
| | — | — | — | — |
| Sawgd. Dharwar | — | — | — | 406April/May 1917 |
| | — | — | — | — |
| Westerns (M.G.) | — | — | — | 402May/June 1917 |
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| | — | — | — | — |
| Compta (M.G.) | — | — | — | 409April/May 1917 |
| | — | — | — | — |
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| Linseed May | 11 3 4½ | |
| Teelseed White 85-15 Dec./Jan. | 10 6 6 | |
| " Gajar 75-25 Dec./Jan. | 10 0 0 | |
| " Gajar 50-50 Dec./Jan. | 9 10 0 | |
| " Black Dec./Jan. | 8 4 0 | |
| Linseed Sept. | 11 12 6 | |

## JAM SHRI RANJITSINGHJI MILLS.

The nineth Ordinary General Meeting of the above company was held yesterday afternoon in the registered offices of the company in Churchgate Street when Mr. Lalji Naranji presided. The following report was submitted:

As will be seen from the Abstract of Profit and Loss Account, the Company has during the year made a profit of Rs. 1,00,607-2-7 including the balance of Rs. 4,398-7-2 of previous year. After writing off Rs. 78,500, for depreciation of machinery, etc. there is a balance of Rs. 22,107-2-7 which the Directors recommend may be dealt with as under:—to Dividend at Rs. 20 per share on 812 shares, Rs. 16,240, to Bonus to Employees, Rs. 2,000, and carried to next year's account, Rs. 3,867-2-7.

Messrs. Lalji, Murarji and Company, the Agents of the Company, have voluntarily foregone Rs. 21,165-15-9 out of commission (Rs. 33,165-15-9) earned by them during the year, for which thanks are due to them.

Owing to prevalence of plague at Sholapur during major portion of the year, want of hands was keenly felt. This came in the way of smooth and regular working of the Mill and resulted in curtailment of production to some extent. Since the date of last General Meeting, 150 Debentures of "C" series of 500 each have been re-paid in July last. Out of the total number of 1,200 Debentures 339 Debentures still remain to be subscribed. Out of these unsubscribed Debentures 229 Debentures are held by Messrs. Mulji Jaitha & Co., as security against the balance of about Rs. 1,10,400 of their loan.

Mr. Naranji Dwarkadas, Chairman of the Board of Directors, resigned his seat on the Board in April last. In accepting his resignation the Board placed on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered and hearty co-operation given by him since the establishment of the Company. Your Mill Buildings, Machinery and Stock and Stock-in-process are insured against risk of fire for Rs. 15,99,071.

The recommendations were adopted and Messrs. Hirachand Ramchand, Madhavsing Narottam and the Hon. Mr. B. S. Kamat were re-appointed directors, as also the auditors Messrs. K. S. Aiyar & Co., and Mr. J. K. Parulker.

## PRESIDENCY MILLS CO. LTD.

A meeting of the Presidency Mills Co. Limited, was held yesterday with Mr. Motilal Kanji in the chair when it was unanimously resolved that the Capital of the Company which after its recent reduction consisted of 1,000 shares of Rs. 125 each and of which 849 shares had been issued and were fully paid up be increased to Rs. 12,00,000 divided into 9,600 shares of Rs. 125 each by the creation of 8,600 new shares of Rs. 125 each.

## HOWARD AND BULLOUGH MILLS.

By order of the Official Liquidator of the Howard and Bullough Mills Co. (in liquidation) Messrs. Cawford and Co., Auctioners, put to public auction the said mills yesterday. The highest offer of Rs. 4,00,000 by Mr. F. E. Dinshaw, Solicitor, being under the reserve price, the sale was withdrawn.

## BANK OF BARODA.

The eighth annual report of the Bank of Baroda shows that the net profit for 1916 amounted to Rs. 2,20,601-10-10. The sum available for distribution is Rs. 2,52,087-10-5 including Rs. 31,485-15-7 brought forward from 1915. An ad interim dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. was paid for the half-year ended 30th June and the Directors recommend to pay a final dividend for the half-year ended 31st December at the rate of 10 per cent. The Bank's Reserve Fund will now stand at Rs. 5,75,000, representing 57½ per cent. of the paid up Capital.

## RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS.

Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company.

(Incorporated in England.)

Comparative Statement of Traffic Earnings for week ending 13th Jan. 1917.

| | | Total for the week. Rs. | Total to date. Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Approximate earnings for week ending 13th Jan. 1917. | G. I. P. Rly. | 14,81,500 | 2,85,45,005 |
| | A. D. C. Rly. | 35,200 | 7,30,768 |
| | B. K. Rly. | 2,800 | 88,960 |
| | C. B. Rly. | 4,000 | 77,211 |
| | Total | 15,23,500 | 2,94,51,884 |
| Earnings for corresponding 7 days ending 13th Jan. 1916. | G. I. P. Rly. | 24,44,904 | 2,78,69,592 |
| | A. D. C. Rly. | 68,039 | 6,05,945 |
| | B. K. Rly. | 5,366 | 70,425 |
| | C. B. Rly. | 14,235 | 1,10,886 |
| | Total | 25,32,544 | 2,89,16,858 |
| Inc. or Dec. | G. I. P. Rly. | —9,63,404 | +6,75,413 |
| | A. D. C. Rly. | —32,839 | — 5,437 |
| | B. K. Rly. | —2,566 | —31,475 |
| | C. B. Rly. | —10,235 | —33,075 |

Central Provinces Railways.

| | | Total for the week. Rs. | Total to date. Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Approximate earnings for week ending 13th Jan. 1917. | | 12,400 | 2,03,591 |
| Earnings for corresponding 7 days ending 13th Jan. 1916 | | 12,782 | 1,56,878 |
| Increase or Decrease | | —382 | +46,713 |

Dhond Baramati Railway.

| | Total for the week. Rs. | Total to date. Rs. |
|---|---|---|
| Approximate earnings for week ending 13th Jan. 1917 | 1,100 | 19,786 |
| Earnings for corresponding 7 days ending 13th Jan. 1916 | 951 | 15,577 |
| Increase or Decrease | +149 | +4,161 |

NOTE—Corrected with audited figures upto 30th November 1916.

## SLOYD IN BARODA.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—The Baroda Exhibition has been open and will remain open some days more. It is inferior to, less instructive and much less educative than so many other exhibitions held elsewhere in India. But as it is, it stands unique with its section of Educational Hand-work,—Sloyd which must not be mistaken for Manual Training. In that section there are exhibits from the simplest to the most difficult, precisely graded and showing exact correlation to the various subjects taught in the school. In the doing of those models—every one being useful and utility being a prime factor in Sloyd—children and boys will feel interested and will have their different faculties fairly well developed. Children, as a rule, are restless and are fond of doing something or other; in fact doing is their birthright. The ordinary school curriculum does not afford them any scope for the least exercise of this right which is legitimately their own. Their inborn activity is suppressed. What is essential is that it should be properly directed through a suitable channel and Sloyd pre-eminently provides that channel. If hand-work is done quite in keeping with the method and in the manner so convincingly advocated and found so profoundly productive of best results wherever they were tried by Otto Soloman it will go a great way in helping the students in the better understanding of the daily lessons of the class. In the system of education as obtaining in India and in what we see before us there is hardly anything between school and practical life; these two seem to be as apart as the two poles with a wide gulf between them. Connection between the two is absolutely necessary if what is taught in school should be of use in life; in the absence of that connection no wonder that many fall into the deep void and are lost no more to rise. What can therefore link the school with practical life. It is Sloyd which forms the best and strongest link. In fact Educational Hand-work furnishes a sure bridge to connect the former, with the latter making the boys possessed of sound common sense and practical wisdom. Reading is no knowing; but doing is all knowing which has been immensely amplified by the many models put up for show in the Sloyd section. Surely the Government of H. H. the Maharaja Sahib of Baroda are to be congratulated upon the happy introduction of Sloyd in the schools of the State.

Open air class (one of the exhibits) is a novel and modern idea. The Educational Departments of India will do well to have their schools more freely ventilated than they are at present.

All success to Sloyd in Baroda.—Yours, etc.

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Baroda.

## DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

BOMBAY, Jan. 17.

| MILLS. | Opening. | Mid-day. | Closing. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Ahmedabad Advance | .. | .. | 683 |
| 2 Bombay Cotton | .. | .. | 190 |
| 3 Bombay Dyeing | .. | .. | 240 |
| 4 Bombay United | .. | .. | 150 |
| 5 Century | .. | .. | 3025 |
| 6 Central India | 2140 | 2126 | 2170 |
| 7 China | .. | .. | 360 |
| 8 Colaba | .. | .. | 12.0 |
| 9 Crescent | 1.73 | 1.73 | 175 |
| 10 Currimbhoy | 305 | — | 3025 |
| 11 David | 490 | .. | 490 |
| 12 Edward Sassoon | .. | .. | 135 |
| 13 Emperor Edward | 560 | .. | 560 |
| 14 Fazulboy | 565 | 570 | 570 |
| 15 Framji Petit | .. | .. | 1200 |
| 16 Finlay Muir | .. | .. | 260 |
| 17 Hindustan | .. | .. | 325 |
| 18 Indian Bleaching | 1.24 | 1.24 | 235 |
| 19 Indore Malwa | 1.24 | 335 | 330 |
| 20 Jamshed | .. | .. | 0 |
| 21 Kasturchand | .. | .. | 970 |
| 22 Khatao | .. | .. | 1805 |
| 23 Kohinoor | .. | .. | 710 |
| 24 Luxmi Cotton | .. | .. | 1225 |
| 25 Madhavji Dharamsi | 1.15 | 1.12½ | 1.15 |
| 26 Madras United | .. | .. | 170 |
| 27 Manekji Petit | .. | .. | 1000 |
| 28 Morarji | .. | .. | 2180 |
| 29 New Great Eastern | .. | .. | 100 |
| 30 New City | .. | .. | 925 |
| 31 Pearl | 410 | 415 | 1.20 |
| 32 Phoenix | .. | .. | 220 |
| 33 Shahpur | .. | .. | 3

# BOMBAY CITY AND SUBURBS.

## TO-DAY.

Parsi: 10th of Amardad, 1286.
Mahomedan: 23rd of Rubee-at-Awal, 1335.
Hindu: 10th of Posh Vad, 1973.
Sunrise: 7-15 Sunset 6-22.
Phases of the Moon, New Moon, Jan. 23rd.

## LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS.

Byculla Y. M. C. A.: At Home to meet Dr. C. Muthu, M.D., Secretary Christo Samaj, London, and Miss Muthu, 8-30 p.m. (S. T.).
Meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, 3-40 p.m.
Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy will deliver his Presidential Address to the Sydenham College Students' Union in the College Hall at 6 p.m., (S.T.).
Excelsior Theatre: Bandman Comedy Co. in "The Rotters," at 9-45 p.m.

FRIDAY, Jan. 19th.

Excelsior Theatre: Bandman Comedy Co., in "What did Tomkins do" at 9-45.

SATURDAY, Jan. 20th.

Excelsior Theatre: Bandman Comedy Co., in "What did Tomkins do" at 9-30.

SUNDAY, Jan. 21.

Indian Economic Society: Lecture by Mr. S. V. Doraiswami on "India and the Tariff Problem," at the Servants of India Society's Home, Girgaon, 6-30 p.m. (S. T.). The Hon. Mr. Jinnah will preside.
University Election of two Fellows by the Faculty of Arts at 6 p.m.
Excelsior Theatre: Bandman Comedy Co., matinee a t6 p.m., "What did Tomkins do."

## DAILY.

Excelsior Theatre: Bandman Comedy Co. at 9-45, Cinema at 6-30.
Empire Cinema: 6-30, 8-30 and 10 p.m.
Royal Opera House, 6-45 and 10 p.m.
Palace of Varieties: at 6-30 and 10 p.m. every Wednesday, Saturday and Monday, 10 p.m., Show every Sunday at 6-30 at Edwardes.
New Alexandra Cinema, Lohar Chawl, Princess Street.
Olympia Cinema, Sandhurst Road.
West End Cinema, Charni Road: 6-45, 8-30 and 10.
New Alhambra Cinema, Sandhurst Road, 7, 6-45 and 10-30.

## BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

Jan. 17.

No. 8. Duties.—Duties for the week commencing Sunday 14th instant:—
Orderly Officer for the current week Lieut. D. Dunkerley.
Orderly Officer next for duty Lieut. W. N. Cartland.
Orderly Sergt. No. 2 Coy. Sergt. A. S. White.
Orderly Sergt. No. 2 Coy. Sergt. A. X. Smith.
Orderly Sergt. E. E. Coy. Sergt. G. Barnes.
No. 9 Parades.—Thursday 18th 7 a.m., at Hr.-Qrs. Rifle Exercises.
Saturday 20th 6 p.m., at Hd. Qrs. Nos. 1, 2, and E. E. Coys. will parade for Camp.
E. E. Company, B. V. A.
The above Company will parade at Apollo Bunder every evening at 6-15 p.m., commencing Saturday, 20th instant, for Annual Training, returning from Middle Ground at 7 a.m., daily.
No. 12. Leave.—Sapper C. Webb, E. E. Coy., B.V.A., has been granted leave of absence out of India for six months with effect from 15-1-17.
(Sd.) P. H. RETALLACK, Capt.,
Adjutant, Bombay Vol. Artillery.
NOTICES.
There will be a Sergeants' Mess special meeting on Thursday, the 18th instant. at 7 p.m., at Headquarters.
The Corps will go into Camp on January 20th, 1917, at Middle Ground Fort.

## BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

Jan. 18.

511. Battalion Duties.—Orderly Sergeants will be furnished by "J" Company during week ending January 20th, and "A" Coy. during week ending January 27th.
512. Company Field Training:—
Detail.—Suday January 21st, "J" Coy.
The Company will parade at Bori Bunder Station, at 6 a.m., on the above date and will return to Bombay before 5 p.m., Haversacks rations and water bottles to be carried Dress.—At option of Officer Commanding Coy.
513. Miniature Range.—The Miniature Range will be open from 6 to 8 p.m., daily except Saturday afternoons and Sundays.
514. Musketry.—The Range at Ghat Kopar as allotted for Class Firing as follows:—
"C" Coy. to-day Thursday 18th January.
"D" Coy. to-morrow Friday, 19th, Saturday 20th and Sunday, 28th January.
"F" Coy. on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday, 24th January.
515. Armoury.—The Armoury will be open for issue and return of Arms as follows:—
Daily except on Saturday evenings and Sundays from 7 a.m., to 12 noon and from 5-15 to 7-45 p.m.
516. Proficiency.—Candidates will parade on Tuesdays and Thursdays (morning) at 7-15 a.m., and on Wednesdays and Fridays (evening) at 6-30 p.m. at Headquarters. Pencils and note books to be brought on all parades. Dress.—Optional.
(Sd.) C. N. MOBERLY, Major,
Adjutant, Bombay Vol. Rifles.

## BAND AT THE P. V. MARY GYMKHANA.

By kind permission of Colonel T. W. Bonner V. D., and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battalion, G. I. P. Railway, Volunteers, will play a programme of music this evening under the direction of Mr. Hugh B. Mitchell, Band Master, commencing at 6-15.

## YOUNG MEN'S HINDU ASSOCIATION.

Nyayshastri Bhawanishankar Sukhtanka will conduct a class in Upanishads, this evening, at 6-30 (S. T.) in the premises of the Association, Girgaum Back Road.

## SIR MANGALDAS MATHUBHAI CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.

The total number of patients treated in this dispensary during the month of December, 1916, was 609 of whom 522 were males and 87 females.

## SETH DAMODERDAS TAPIDAS CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.

During the month of December 1916, the number of Hindu patients treated in this Dispensary was 2863. Among them the number of new admissions was 331. The average daily attendance was 94.

## REPORTED THEFT.

Framji Maneckji Kapadia, a Parsi, reports that he locked his room on the first floor of a building at Churney Road at 9 a.m. on Tuesday and went out. At 4 p.m. his neighbour noticed the front door open and telephoned to hime. He returned home when he found his gold watch and chain and cash valued at Rs. 365 missing.

# SERBIAN AND MONTENEGRIN WAR RELIEF FUND.

## APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The appeal for suffering Serbians and Montenegrins which was kindly published in the columns of the local and motussil papers in January last has yielded up to date the sum of Rs. 5,134-8-0. This amount is now being sent to the competent authorities in Rome, but as much more funds are needed to alleviate the sufferings of the poor refugees of Serbia and Montenegro, I appeal once more to the generous public of India for their sympathetic support in this noble cause.

| | Rs. | a. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amount previously acknowledged ... | 3,617 | 8 | |
| New subscriptions received:— | | | |
| Sympathy (Jamshed & J. Cama) ... | 101 | 0 | 0 |
| In memory of Rustom's anniversary | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Through F. G. Hopkins, Esq. ..... | 225 | 0 | 0 |
| R. E. Gibson Esq., (Kaira) ..... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Through Munshi Narayen Swarap (Bharatpur) ..... | 580 | 0 | 0 |
| A. M. MacMillan Esq., (Hyderabad) | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Staff of Bengal Doars Ry. Co. (2nd instal.) ..... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Staff of Bengal Doars Ry. Co. (3rd instal.) ..... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| A. M. MacMillan Esq. (Hyderabad) | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Total ..... | 5,134 | 8 | 0 |

A. MANZATO,
Vice & Ag. Consul for Italy.
Bombay, 16th January, 1917.

## BAMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

An 'At Home' of Members and their friends of the Bombay Natural History Society took place yesterday.

The election of the following 34 new members since the last meeting was announced:—The Principal, Mayo College, Ajmer; H. R. H. Prince Abhakara of Chumporn, Bangkok, Siam; Second-Lieut. G. R. Smith, I.A.R.O., Mesopotamia; Lt. W. R. F. Trevelyan, Mesopotamia; the Mess President, 2/8th Gurkha Rifles, Lansdowne; Lt.-Col. R. A. Firth, Lansdowne; Lt. T. R. Livesay, I.A.R.O., Mesopotamia; Mr. O. Haefliger, Lyallpore; Mr. A. N. Grieve, Purulia; Mr. Duncan Maggregor, Lahore; Capt. G. H. B. Borth, R.A.M.C. Basra; Mr. C. E. Lynch-Blosse, Junagadh; Mr. A. Macdonald, Champaran; Rev. A. F. F Bird, Nandyal R.S.; Lt. N. M. Adam, R.A., Mesopotamia; Lt. D. P. Blair, R.A.M.C., Bushire; Prof. I. W. Johory, M.A., B.D., Indore; Second-Lt. R. E. Cheesman, Basra; Mr. G. Wesche Dart, Bombay; Mr. S. G. deC Ireland, I.C.S., Fatehpur; Capt. G. H. Russell, Wano; The Secretary, Central Circulating Library, S. I. Railway, Trichinopoly; Lt.-Col. C. D. Dawes, I.M.S., Bombay; Capt. J. Crompton, Bannu, N.W.F.P.; Mr. H. Parker, I.C.S., Homalin; Mr. A. C. Morrell, Travancore; Lt. Ernest E. Cunnah, R.A.M.C., Meerut, U.P.; Mr. R. H. Cassell, Moniarah; Mr. George D. Moore, Moniarah; the Mess President, 94th Russell's Infantry, Tank, N.W.F.P.; Mr. G. D. Traylen, Bombay; Mr. W. K. Dods, Calcutta; Mr. W. E. Ley, I.C.S., Chanda, C.P.; and Mr. A. Hampson, Bombay.

The contributions to the Society's Museum during the last four months are remarkable for the wide range of localities from which they have been received. Localities extending from Mesopotamia to Siam and from Gilgit to Trichinopoly.

Beginning with Mesopotamia the Society is much indebted to Sir Percy Cox and Lt. R. E. Cheesman, I.A.R.O., for 37 bird skins all of which are of great interest. From Major General Sir H. Kearsy come several Spotted Sandgrouse and two starlings very similar to the European starling. Capt. C. R. S. Pitman has sent in skins of two kinds of sandgrouse and two birds of prey, an Eagle and a buzzard, and Major F. P. Connor a number of insects, snakes, lizards and birds and a scorpion alive. Lt.-Col. F. Wall, C.M.G., I.M.S., and Lt. Livesay, I.A.R.O., have presented much wanted Jackal skins and the latter has also sent the head and neck of a wild goose *A. ferus*. From Major G. A. Perreau a fine wild cat also several bird skins. From Capt. C. M. Ingoldby, R.A.M.C., comes a Persian Robin, while Col. Stevens and Major Dickinson took the trouble to send down alive two small desert lizards of the genus Agama, Lower down the Gulf, at Muscat, Major A. R. Burton has been active in increasing the Society's collections and he has sent in the skin of an Arabian Fox, numerous lizards and snakes as well as a number of birds alive, including some Arabian Seesee and Close-barred Sandgrouse. On the other side of the Gulf, in Persian Baluchistan Capt. J. E. B. Hotson, I.A.R.O., has done much on the Society's behalf and two small but interesting collections of Mammals, birds snakes and insects as well as botanical specimens have been received from him.

Coming now to the borders of India proper, Capt. W. B. Cotton, I.A.R.O. from Wano has presented two fox skins, a couple of Afghan Hares, also a skin of a cat which appears to be hybrid between a domestic and a desert cat F. ornata. Major Humphrys from Miranshah sent in a live Fattailed Lizard perfectly harmless but often considered by natives to be a poisonous species. From Gilgit Major A. D. Macpherson has presented a Levantine Viper a European species only occasionally found in India. A number of interesting bats from the Teesta Valley have been received from Mr. A. Primrose and Mr. Field. Palamau has contributed several snakes and mammals and from Dr. Malcolm Smith in Siam has come a welcome collection of Snakes, Lizards and Frogs. A number of Imperial Sandgrouse skins have been presented by Col. H. H. the Maharaja of Bikanir and from Simla Mr. G. C. Shortridge who was there on sick leave from Mesopotamia sent some butterflies. Mr. T. R. Bell has generously handed over to the Society a collection of shells made at Karachi as well as a large number of Butterflies, Moths and other insects comprising some 1000 specimens all perfect specimens from Kanara. It is hoped we shall be able to furnish a detailed list of this collection shortly.

## Y. M. C. A. AT HOME.

There was a pleasant function at the Byculla Y. M. C. A. on Monday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. C. E. V. Nathaniels were "at home" to their friends. The members of the Byculla Y. M. C. A. made a present of a cheque to Laurel Iris, the hosts' little daughter whose Christening had been celebrated the previous day. Mr. F. J. Patel proposed the health on behalf of the members to which Mr. Nathaniels suitably responded. The programme included both vocal and instrumental music.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CUMBALLA WAR HOSPITAL.

Denver Bill, the well-known daring novelty sharpshooter touring the World, gave another star programme on Tuesday last when the sick and wounded at the Cumballa War Hospital were greatly entertained by the celebrated Cowboy Champion. The performance started at 5-30 and finished at 8 o'clock. The first item on the programme was humorous hypnotism. Act 2 was his comedy and fantastic juggling which was very clever. Act 3 was his thrilling shooting on a human target. Act 4 was the exhibition o fancy lassoing, whip landing and sword manipulations. In this he shows the real art of the lasso and life on the ranch. The next place of entertainment will be the Parel Hospital, on Tuesday the 23rd instant at 6 o'clock.

# BOMBAY POLICE COURT'S.

## FORGERY AND CHEATING.

### ACCUSED SENTENCED.

The Fourth Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Court, disposed of a case in which Inspector Raghunathrao of the C. I. D. charged a Mahomedan, named Mahomed Ahmed Ladak with forgery and cheating.

It was stated that the accused, a grandson of the late Sir Tharia Topan made in August last the acquaintance of the complainant, Jaherbhai Meneralli a dealer in boots and shoes and induced him to negotiate for a loan of Rs. 600 for him, by preparing two false documents, one purporting to be a letter to him from Messrs. Merwanji Kolah and Co., Solicitors, stating that Rs. 8,000 were with them to his account and another a statement of account.

On the strength of the documents and on the assurance given by the accused that he was expecting a large sum of money as his share of inheritance from the estate of his grandfather in defence of which statement he produced an issue of the "Advocate of India" of the 14th July 1916 which contained a paragraph that the litigation in regard to the property of Sir Tharia Topan had been concluded in the Privy Council. the complainant introduced the accused to Tehebaim Girdharidas, a witness in the case, to whom also the accused made the same statement.

The witness taking the documents to be genuine consented to advance monies to the accused on condition that the latter was to write a Hundi in favour of the complainant who should endorse it to the witness. Accordingly the accused wrote a Hundi for Rs. 1,000 on the 7th September 1916 in favour of Jaherbhai who endorsed it to Tehelram who discounted it for Rs. 922. Out of this amount Mr. Syed Ahmed Lodak reserved Rs. 852 as representing a loan of Rs. 600 which he received and gave back the balance to the complainant. Again in October the accused got another sum of Rs. 400 making in all Rs. 1,000 through Jafferbhai under the same conditions.

The accused pleaded guilty to both the charges and the Magistrate said that the two charges brought forward against the accused forming part of one and the same transaction two separate sentences were not called for. The accused being respectably connected his Worship had no desire to send him to gaol. So he sentenced him to one day's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000, in default to undergo rigorous imprisonment for six months.

## BIG HAUL OF COCAINE.

### ACCUSED GETS ONE YEAR'S HARD LABOUR.

Before the Chief Presidency Magistrate Sub-Inspector Chimanlal charged Allarakhia Nabibux and his wife Sakina with being in possession of 12,000 grains of cocaine valued at Rs. 9,000. Inspector O'Brien conducted the prosecution and Mr. B. J. Dhondi defended. It was stated that Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. O. A. Harker and Sub-Inspector Chimanlal on the 12th instant searched the accused's house at Broiwada and found the cocaine concealed partly in a box and a copper vessel. The box had to be broken open as the second accused refused to deliver over the keys. The first accused pleaded guilty, but the second accused said the box had no lock at all and she had nothing to do with the drug. The Magistrate sentenced the first accused to one year's rigorous imprisonment and the second accused was discharged. The Court complimented the Police officers.

## IMPORTING COCAINE WITHOUT LICENSE.

### JAPANESE SEAMEN SENTENCED.

Before the Third Presidency Magistrate, Sergeant Headington charged Nogai Banzo, Quartermaster and Ishibichi Gurichi, oilman, on board the steamer Tinshin Maru with importing 386 grains of cocaine valued at Rs. 290 and 4244 grains valued at Rs. 3185 respectively without a License. Customs Preventive Inspector Selkirk with other officers went on board the steamer on receipt of some information and found some cocaine in the cabin of the first accused concealed in a locker. The second accused was also searched on suspicion and the cocaine was found on his person. The accused pleaded guilty and said they had brought the cocaine from Kobe. The Magistrate convicting sentenced the first to three months' and the second to one year's rigorous imprisonment.

## ILLICIT POSSESSION OF COCAINE.

### ACCUSED FINED RS. 10.

Before the Third Presidency Magistrate at the Esplanade Police Court Excise Inspector Velloze charged Shiva Hari with possessing half a grain of cocaine at Duncan Road on the 16th instant. The accused was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 10, or in default to suffer 10 days' rigorous imprisonment.

## RASH DRIVING.

### TAXI-DRIVER FINED RS 30.

Before the Chief Presidency Magistrate at the Esplanade Police Court Deputy Inspector Fitzgerald charged one Gangaram Devji, driver of taxi No. 159 with driving his car in so rash and negligent a manner as to endanger human life. It was stated that hack victoria No. 1326 was going along Hornby Road at 10-30 p.m. on the 15th instant from Boribunder towards the Floral Fountain and after the fare had got down opposite Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co. he was turning round to go back and the victoria came on the east side set of the tram line. Then the taxi came from the opposite direction and dashed against the off-wheel of the victoria, which was turned over and damaged. There was not much traffic on the road, and it was stated the accused smelled of liquor when brought to the Police Station. The accused was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 30.

## MOTOR DRIVER ACQUITTED.

The same Magistrate delivered his decision in the case in which Inspector Fern charged a Hindu motor driver named Dattatraya Balkrishna, with causing the death of a child on the 29th December 1916 by driving his car No. 991 rashly and negligently along Victoria Road.

The facts of the case have already been reported.

The accused was acquitted as the Magistrate held that he was unable to find any traces of negligence or rashness in the accused's conduct. Further he was unable to hold that the accused was driving unjustifiably fast. So he ordered the acquittal of the accused.

## ALLEGED CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.

### ACCUSED TO BE TRIED AT GOA.

The Chief Presidency Magistrate disposed of the case in which Mr. Francis Murao, Private Secretary to Signor Alfredo Casanova, Portuguese Consul-General in India, was charged with criminal breach of trust in respect of certain sums.

The facts have already been reported. The accused was allowed by the Magistrate under orders of Government to proceed to Goa and appear before a competent court there, on executing a bail bond for Rs. 5,000. Signor Casanova was accepted as surety without a deposit. The bail bond will be cancelled when Government were satisfied that the accused had complied with the conditions contained in same.

## CONCEALING THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.

At the Mazagon Police Court, before the Second Presidency Magistrate, one Saiboo Yesu, a Hindu was charged with concealing the birth of a child by secretly disposing of the body.

It was alleged that the accused was passing on Tuesday morning turough De Lima Stree. with a bundle in his arms. Police sepoy No. 273 E. stopped him on suspicion and undoing the bundle found that it contained the dead body of a newborn male child.

From enquiries made it was seen that the accused had been living with a married woman named Sayabai in his native place. They arrived in Bombay about a month ago and lived in a room on Garupdeo Road where Sayabai was delivered of a child on the 14th instant. The Police Surgeon who examined the body of the child certified that the death was due to natural causes and the body was disposed of. Sayabai was removed to Bai Motlibai Hospital.

The case was adjourned.

## JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

Before the Third Presidency Magistrate Sergeant Headington charged Kashinath Keshav and Dharama Laxman both aged 11 years, with the theft of 30 pairs of socks valued at Rs. 7-8 from No. 10 Shed Victoria Docks on the 16 January. The first accused who had a pevious conviction was sentenced to receive five stripes on the hand and the second three stripes.

# CAUSE LIST.

BOARD FOR THURSDAY, THE 18TH OF JANUARY, 1917.

## BEFORE THE HON. MR. JUSTICE MACLEOD.

In the Division Court No. 43.

**AFTER THE INSOLVENCY COURT WORK IS OVER.**

**SUITS FOR HEARING AND FINAL DISPOSAL LONG CAUSES.**

1450-15.—Ard H D & Co., Raja Bahadur Motilal Shivlal v. Birdichand Jivraj & anr, Matu J & M.

923-15.—Jam R & D, Bomonji Rustomji Parelwalla v. Prabhashankar Dewshanker Acharya, & ors, Moti & D, Payne & Co., Part Heard, 13-11-16.

S. C. 937-16.—Matu J & M Abdul Kader Haji Esmail v. Mahomedbhoy Allibhoy Rusnaiwall, Amin & D, Part Heard, 9-1-17.

507-16.—Amin & D, Girdharlal Jethabhai Patel v. J Moni & Co., a firm, Captain & V.

651-16.—Little and Co., The Indian Specie Bank Ld (in Liquidation) v. The Gulam Baba, Spg & Wg Co., Ltd., in Liqn & ors, Against 2nd Defendant only.

743-16.—Smeaton B & Co., Haji Ali Mahomed Haji Cassam v. Somabai Mulchand & ors, Edg G W & Co.

770-16.—Dubash & Co., Messrs Jerup Teja & Co. a firm v. A A MacGill. Khambatta & Co.

1458-15.—Jehangir M & S, Bhagwan Tullock & Co. a firm v. Pandurang Gopal Nagwekar & ors, Jam R & D.

220-16.—Judah & S, Joti Babaji v. Kesra Foosa & Co., a firm, Wadia G & Co.

439-16.—Maneck D & Co. (For a pauper), Kapoorchand Goolabchand & anr v. Kama Nowla & ors, Vachha & Co.

S C Ct. 189-7166-16.—Malvi H M & R, Hirji Jadav & ors, v. Allarakhia Jivraj, Payne & Co.

1142—15.—Motichand & D, Goolabchand Dhadda & anr v. The Poona Bank Ld., Poyne & Co.

41-16.—Captain & V, Kashibai widow v. Nemchand Jeethabhai & ors, Edg G W & Co., Craigie B & C., Captain & V, Little ( Co.

1115-16.—Mehta D L, Nagubai widow v. Thakar Kara Damji & anr, Mulji & Tha.

1151-16.—Rustomji & G, Dhulaji Kupaji v. Thakar Dayal Tejpar & anr, Payne & Co., Bhimji & Co.

413-15.—Payne & Co., Ahmed Suleman v. Dinath Jamnabai, Edg. G W & Co.

## BEFORE THE HON. MR. JUSTICE MARTEN.

In the Division Court No. 40.

**SUITS FOR HEARING AND FINAL DISPOSAL LONG CAUSE.**

470-11—Bhaishanker K & G Rambalabh Harmukhrai v. Gopiram Hurmukhrai and ors Sunderdas & Co. Part heard.

**FOR FURTHER DIRECTION AND COSTS ON SPECIAL COMR'S REPORT.**

587-16.—Rustomji & G, Gulab Illahibux and anr v. Mauji Keshowji, Bhaishanker K & G.

**FOR HEARING ON EXCEPTIONS TO COMMR'S REPORT.**

336-13.—Mulla & M, Minocher Merwanji Pavri & anr v. Pestonji Dhanjibhai & Co., a firm, & ors, Wadia G & Co., Mulla & M.

**COMMERCIAL CAUSES.**

726-15.—Craigie B & C, Loui's Dreyfus & Co., a firm v. Chagandas & Co., a firm, Captain & V.

79-16.—Craigie B & C, Loui's Dreyfus & Co., a firm v. Chagandas & Co., a firm, Captain and V.

80-16.—Craigie B & C., Loui's Dreyfus & Co., a firm v. Chagandas & Co., a firm, Captain & Vaidya.

**LONG CAUSES**

1010-15.—Malvi H M & R, Motilal Agiaram Meheshri v. Ladhoram Dhanraj, Motichand & D.

1323-14.—Bhaishanker K & G, Ebji Umersey, a firm, v. Madhavji Virji and ors, Madhowjee K & C, Shroff D & D.

1333-15.—Payne & Co., Isaja Macropole widow v. Alexandra Macropole and anr.

1448-15.—Sabnis and G, Bai Nandibai widow & anr, v. Jivibai widow, Edgelow G W & Co.

620-16.—Motichand and D, Sha Runshi Punshi v. Sha Shivji Gosher and ors, Pandia & Co.

1182-15.—S A Tyyabji, Bhicoobai widow v. Hariba Raghooji Jambookar and ors, Craigie B & C, Amin & D, Manchershaw & N, M B Chothia.

722-16.—Jehangir & S, Pestonji Rustomji Pathan & ors v. Dhanjibhai Dossabhai Narielwalla, Wadia G and Co.

665-16—C P D'Cunha Mahomed Ismail Valad Mahomed v. Haji Noor Mahomed Cassum a firm Captain and Vaidya.

775-16—Amin and D Hyderalli Abdul Kayani v. Framji Shapurji Patick and ors Merwanji K & Co.

502-16—Mulla and M Devji Ranoji Pansare v. Sakubai and ors Mehta D & L.

712-16—Captain and V Fazalbhai Peermahomed v. Gulamally Gullamhoosein Alava Payne & Co.

057-16—N C Dalal (for a pauper) Purshotamdas Madhavji v. Javerbhand Naranji and ors Shroff D & D.

1362-14—Motichand & D Fulchand Gulabchand and ors v. Jagdish Sakarchand and anr, Amin & Desai, Purnanand & Co.

1229-16—Pandia & Co. Anand Laxman v. Bai Lilibai alias Ramibai, widow and anr, Purnanand & Co.

1426-16.—Daphtary F & D, The Advocate General of Bombay v. Mahomedally Allibhoy Kachwalla & ors, S. A. Tyabji Ard H D & Co.

# THE WEATHER

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

SIMLA, Jan. 17.

Light precipitation occurred at Murree and Sonemarg. Elsewhere the weather has been dry.

Forecast:—Dry weather.

## DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

siding at Mazgaon without the Fort

General Remarks.—Weather has been dry

Summary of observations recorded at eight hours on Wednesday, the 17th January, 1917, giving data for the preceding twenty-four hours.

The Punjab.—Skies are clear. Humidity is normal or in excess. Day temperature is in excess in the extreme north.

The United Provinces.—Skies are clear Humidity is normal or in excess. Temperature is in excess.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are clear. The air is damper than usual. Temperature has fallen in Rajputana but is still in excess in the extreme eastern districts of that division.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are clear. Humidity is normal or in excess. Night temperature is in excess in Gujarat and Kathiawar; day temperature is also above normal at Verval, Bhavnagar and Ahmedabad.

The Central Provinces.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Humidity is normal or in excess. Temperature is in excess in the northern halr of the division.

The Konkan.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Humidity is normal or in defect. Temperature is in excess in the north Konkan.

The Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear or lightly clouded. Day temperature is in defect in south Hyderabad.

General Remarks.—Weather has been dry and is likely to remain so.

## TEMPERATURE IN BOMBAY.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 16th Jan. 1917

Means of observations taken at 0 a.m., 10 a.m., 7 p.m. 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

| | |
|---|---|
| Barometer corrected to 32 deg Fahr ... | 29.925 Inch. |
| Temperature of Air ..... | 77.5 Deg. |
| Wet Bulb Thermometer ..... | 70.8 " |
| Dew Point ..... | 67.9 " |
| Relative humidity of Air ..... | 0.727 " |
| Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky cloudy—10) ..... | 0.8 " |
| Maximum temperature of Air ..... | 85.8 " |
| Minimum ....do. ....do. ..... | 70.1 " |
| General direction of Wind from midnight to midnight ..... | NNE,ENE,NW,NNW,NNE |
| Movement of Wind in 24 hours from midnight to midnight ..... | 136 Miles |

## SUN, MOON AND TIDES IN BOMBAY.

**The following are the hours and height of the tides in Bombay Harbour during the ensuing week. Hour stated in Bombay Mean Time depth of water is at Prince's Dock:—**

| Day of Week. | Day of Month. | HIGH WATER. Bombay Mean time. | Depth on Still. | LOW WATER. Bombay Mean time. | Depth on Still. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jan | h m. | ft. in. | h m. | ft. in |
| Wed. | 17 | m 4 13 | 25 9 | m 11 10 | 18 5 |
| | | 6 2a | 24 6 | 11 16a | 22 3 |
| Thur | 18 | m 5 14 | 25 8 | 0 22a | 18 0 |
| | | 7 29a | 25 1 | | |
| Fri. | 19 | m 6 34 | 25 0 | m 1 28 | 23 4 |
| | | 9 1a | 26 3 | 1 40a | 17 3 |
| Sat | 20 | m 7 58 | 25 3 | m 2 50 | 21 8 |
| | | 9 52a | 27 5 | 2 40a | 19 4 |
| Sun | 21 | m 9 8 | 26 6 | m 3 49 | 20 6 |
| | | 10 34a | 29 11 | 3 2a | 15 5 |
| Mon | 22 | m 10 19 | 26 11 | m 4 36 | 19 3 |
| | | 11 14a | 30 0 | 4 8a | 14 8 |
| Tues | 23 | m 11 6 | 27 10 | m 5 20 | 18 0 |
| | | 11 53a | 30 9 | 5 58a | 14 2 |

**The following are the hours of sunrise and sunset according to Indian Standard Time during the ensuing week:—**

| | Sunrise | Sunset. |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. | | |
| " 17 (Wednesday) | " 7h. 15m. | " 6h 23m. |
| " 18 (Thursday) | " 7h 15m. | " 6h 23m. |
| " 19 (Friday) | " 7h 15m. | " 6h 24m. |
| " 20 (Saturday) | " 7h 15m. | " 6h 24m. |
| " 21 (Sunday) | " 7h 15 a. | " 6h 25m. |
| " 22 (Monday) | " 7h 15m. | " 6h 26m. |
| " 23 (Tuesday) | " 7h 15m. | " 6h 26m. |

PHASES OF THE MOON:—

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|---|---|---|---|
| New Moon | 1916 Dec. | 25th., | 2h. 1.2m a.m. |
| First Quarter | " " | 31st, | 5h. 27 2m. p m. |
| Full Moon | 1917 Jan. | 8th., | 1h. 12 0m. ,, |
| Last Quarter | " " | 16th., | 5h. 12.1m. p.m |

## STANDARD BAROMETER READING.

**The following information is published in order that vessels in the Bombay Harbour may by comparison with a standard instrument ascertain the errors of their barometers:—**

The reading of the Standard Barometer in the Colaba Observatory corrected for index error and reduced to 80 deg. F. and to the level of the tide, at 8-45 a.m., Standard Time, on the 17th January 1917 was 30 87 inches.

For temperature corrections applicable to mercurial barometer of ships the reading of the ship's barometer has to be increased or decreased by 031 inch for every 5 degrees according as the temperature of the attached thermometer is respectively below or above 80 deg. F. In case of the aneroid no temperature correction is needed. But for comparison at 80 deg. F. all aneroid readings should be increased by .138 inch. For correcting the ship's barometer either mercurial or aneroid for the height of the barometer cistern above the tide level in the stream at 8-45 a.m., Standard Time, the ship's barometer reading should be increased by .010 inch for every 10 feet of the height to make it comparable with the observatory barometer reading given.

Sir Viswesaraya, Dewan of Mysore will leave Bangalore for Bombay on 26th instant to discuss with the Bombay Government the scheme of railway connecting the Bhatkal harbour

# MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

## GRANT FOR MISSION SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Mr. S. C. Barodawalla presiding.

The Committee considered the following letter from Miss Anna L. Millard which stated:—

"The American Mission School for the Blind in this City has been in existence for seventeen years, during which time 180 blind children have received some instruction. The number of children varies but at present there are 25 girls and 35 boys in school and workshop. Fifteen or twenty of our pupils are now more or less self-supporting, some as teachers, some as musicians and some as caneworkers. The Government gives us a fixed Grant-in-aid of Rs. 2,00 and an Industrial Grant of about Rs. 800. Our cane workship in New Nagpada Road was opened for the older boys and young men, some of whom have become at least partially self-supporting. The Government has given us a site of land for a much needed permanent building for which we are trying very hard to raise funds, as we have been all these years living in rented buildings and workshops. Our reserved building fund is about Rs. 20,000 and the Government will give us a building grant after the war. The school is entirely dependent upon Grants-in-aid and voluntary subscriptions. Having laid these few facts before you, I earnestly request the Municipal Corporation to kindly give us an annual Grant-in-aid of Rs. 2,500."

The letter was forward to the Commissioner for favour of his remarks.

# INDIAN CURRENCY AND THE WAR.

## MR. TANNAN ON SYSTEM OF INDIA'S COUNCIL-DRAFTS.

A lecture was delivered on this subject by Mr. M. L. Tannan B. Com. (Birmingham) F.R.E.S., at the Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics on Tuesday last, Mr. J. B. Crichton of the Mercantile Bank of India in the chair.

The lecturer after declaring that the point he wished particularly to deal with was the part played by the Council Bills in maintaining our currency system, not only because they were the mechanism of our system but also because the recent announcement about restrictions on the amount to be sold had attracted a good deal of public attention to this otherwise uninteresting subject, went on to give a short historical sketch of the Indian currency. He then described in outline the origin and working of the system of councildrafts. Coming to his subject proper, Mr. Tannan said that owing to heavy exports from India of Indian produce especially cotton, at very high prices, there was a heavy balance in favour of India during the first eight months of the current financial year. To meet this balance there was a great demand for the council bills, and the Secretary of State had gone on drawing bills upon India, till the stock of rupees with the Government in India had fallen to a dangerously low level, so that the Secretary of State was obliged to restrict his weekly drawings and charge a heavier rate for them. The stock of rupees had been further depleted by the export of rupees, about ten crores, for the use of the Indian troops in Mesopotamia and East Africa. As a result of the restrictions on the amount of councils, the lecturer instanced the tightness in the money market, the reduction in the export trade, and the fall in he value of some securities. In order to avoid these various untoward consequences, the lecturer went on to consider various suggestions. He did not think that an increase of note circulation—not secured by a metallic reserve—by means of the introduction of one rupee and two rupee notes would either be feasible or desirable. This applied also to the proposal for a special war loan in India to furnish the Government with a fresh stock of rupees: for apast from the fact that India had already, out of the paper currency and the gold standard reserves, invested considerable amounts in British war securities, the last Government of India loan had scarcely proved an unqualified success. Moreover everybody at the present time was expecting a fresh loan for the requirements of Government here. Everything considered, he thought the release of gold held in India was the best method of solving this problem.

Mr. J. B. Crichton paid a well merited tribute to the lecturer and said that the real difficulty was that the Indian ryot had, owing to flourishing trade, got a great quantity of rupees with which he would not part owing to high prices. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was moved by the Principal of the College.

## SLEEPING IN A BOX.

### SWEEPER'S DEATH FROM SUFFOCATION.

Dr. W. Nunan, Acting Coroner, held an inquest yesterday at the Coroner's Court touching the death of Dnura Daya, a sweeper at the Byculla Club, aged about 25 years. It appeared from the evidence that the deceased lived on the premises and as he did not come out of his room to work on Tuesday enquiries were made when the door of his room was found fastened from inside. His body was then found lying on some bedding inside a large wooden box, where he used to sleep. The lid of the box when opened stood straight up against the wall so that it would be easy for it to fall even if slightly disturbed. Dr. Arthur Powell, Police Surgeon examined the body, which showed signs of suffocation but on which there were no marks of violence. The room was in no way disturbed and all the deceased's property was found intact. The jury returned a verdict of death from suffocation, probably through the lid of the large box in which the deceased was sleeping having accidentally fallen over.

# RACING AT MAHALUXMI.

## SIXTH EXTRA.

### DEAD HEAT FOR JANUARY PLATE.

### WOLVERHAMPTON WON BY DUNSKEY.

### READ CROSS' FINE PERFORMANCE.

(By our Racing Correspondent.)

The sixth extra meeting of the Bombay Racing Season was held at Mahalaxmi yesterday. Although a mid-week meeting the attendance was very large. Good fields were the order of the day and splendid sport was witnessed. Some unexpected horses won. Launceston beat the much fancied Niger in the 2nd Division of the Muscat Plate. Niger was left at the foot and hardly took part in the race. Thunder, splendidly ridden by that capable horseman. A. Templeman, dead heated with Kim III ridden by Rose. Both winners are trained by T. Redfern who is a very capable Australian trainer. T. Redfern has been connected with one of the biggest stables in Australia; he joined the profession when almost a child. Those who know him in Australia speak of him in the highest terms. They consider him as an expert in his profession. Dunskey won the Wolverhampton Plate in fine style and pleased a large number of supporters. The weather was far more agreeable than on Saturday last. Altogether a fine afternoon was spent and capital sport was enjoyed.

The Muscat Plate Division I and II were the two first races. Four Aces won the 1st Division as he liked. But Niger disappointed a considerable number of people by being badly left at the post. Launceston won this race easily from Charing Cross who made most of the running. Argonaut again placed unlike the followers of Jason he again failed to capture the Golden Fleece. Better luck next time.

The Sandow Plate 1½ miles having been declared void, an additional race was made which became the January Plate, 1 mile. Thunder ran exceedingly well in this race but unfortunately just dead heated with Kim III who is at present in the best of form. Philanthropist, who placed third, probably found the distance too short. Madrina seems to have fallen off as she could only place fourth a long way behind.

At last Royal Court won a race after disappointing the public frequently. This by the way is the first win for Messers. Goculdas and P. Mathardass this season. Royal Court was well fancied on account of his low weight. Singer very nearly upset the issue while Kayid ran well under his weight.

We must confess that we are quite at a loss to understand why Adelaide II was handicapped at 8-5 in the Wolverhampton Plate yesterday, and we found that many experienced racegoers were as puzzled as ourselves. In the Rockhampton Plate (6 furlongs) last Saturday, Dress, carrying 9-7, won the race, Dunskey 9-4 placed 2nd, Haven of Rest 8-3, third and Adelaide, 7-12, fourth. In the Wolverhampton Plate, 1 mile, Dress was handicapped at 9-12 which is quite reasonable, Dunskey 9-5, i.e., 1 stone more, which is quite correct while Adelaide, which only came fourth, was made to carry 8.5 i.e., 7lbs. more and that too over a longer distance. Adelaide, indeed, was actually made to carry 2 stone more than the penalty awarded to Dress, the winner! This was undoubtedly due to an oversight as no other explanation is possible. Dunskey had the best advantage with only an increase of one pound and won the race as one expected Adelaide II ran nowhere and no wonder. Chastity exhausted herself by making too much of the running. Seigneurie tried late or she might have won the race.

Red Cross won the last race defeating Gazal and Burg. Gazal tried hard but could only place fourth. Durban seems very promising and should do well next time.

A complaint was heard last Saturday that the space reserved for the Press is invaded by the public with the result that the reporters can find no seating accommodation. It would appear, however, that the number of reporters is in excess of the seats provided. Personally, we prefer to sit anywhere else as the sun beats so mercilessly during the greater part of the afternoon on the space in question that it is not a very comfortable place for people who have to take notes.

The authorities might put some more intelligent persons in charge of the board facing the First Enclosure stand. Last Saturday they made a perfect mess of the thing; they could not work the machine and the names of the Jockeys for one race were not hoisted.

It must have struck many that the timing of most of the races this year is different from that of former years. The shifting of the winning post, of course, probably explains the difference which seems to be about 3 seconds more. This is especially noticeable for the six furlong race. On the old course the fastest time recorded for races of horses in the first Division, over six furlongs, is 1.12 4/5 by Patric and Arthur B. for Arabs of Abdul Malick, Zoolphaker, Cheechau and Baloz Closs, 1.20 is the fastest time recorded. The timing of King's Head in the Carlisle Plate was 1-18½ and Red Cross in the Santa Cruz Plate 1-23½. On the old course King's Head should have cut the distance in 1.15½ and Red Cross 1-20½ which would have been considered good time for animals of their class. Hence, we are inclined to think that the timing of Llangenor in the New Year Plate is improbable, as this on the old course, would mean 1-12 which would constitute a record.

The timing of the mile race is also interesting. On the old course the fastest time recorded for Arabs is 1-5[1] covered by such annuals as Precious, Peculiar, Braganza and some others, the average was about 1.54.[1] For first class horses it was 1-41, the average about 1-43. Money Gold in the December Plate, cut the distance in 1.53 which, on the old course, would be about 1.50, a time quite within the record. We are therefore, doubtful whether the timing of Burg, 1.50 in the Marine Lines Plate is correct. This, on the old course, would mean 1-47 which has never been done by Arabs. If the attraction of the winning post has made no difference in the timing, then, there is something very strange with the running of most of the animals that have so far run. Seigneurie for instance, in the Ripon Plate, cut the mile in 1-47½ which is only 2½ seconds less than Burg. Mossy ran 1¼ miles in 2-19 while Kim III ran the same distance in 2-10. Triple Alliance ran a mile in 1-42½. Mossy is in the 3rd Division while Kim is in the 2nd Divison, stll. the difference of 9 seconds is very wide indeed. The public would do well not to trust too much to this year's timings.

Frequent complaints are heard about the difficulty of getting tickets in the 2nd Enclosure and the presence there of numerous pick-pockets. The crush to secure tickets and to receive payment is better imagined than described. The authorities would, certainly, give great satisfaction to a very large number of race-goers if something could be done to facilitate matters in that Enclosure. It appears that pick-pockets, whose number is legion do a thriving business there on every race day. Scores of people are relieved of their cash in the crush and excitement. Some smart detectives might be placed there to watch their nefarious doings. Some people say that many of them are well known.

THE JANUARY PLATE.—A high weight handicap for horses in the 2nd Division. Winner Rs. 3,000, second Rs. 1,000, third Rs. 500. Distance—1 mile.
Mr. Hasting's THUNDER, 9-7, A. Templeman ..... 1
Mr. J. L. Ainsworth's KIM III., 8-4, Rose ..... 1*
H. H. Maharaja of Gwalior's PHILANTHROPIST. 9-0, Traban ..... 3
Mr. T. Gordhandhass' MADRINA, 7-10, Larkins ..... 4
*Dead heat.
Also Ran:—Orloff 9-4, Soultline 8-12, Partial Eclipse 8-11, Strathroyale 7-10, and Drill Mistress 7-6.
The Race:—Soultline cut the pace followed by Drill Mistress, Kim and Philanthropist Madrina lying fourth on the rails. At the bend Soultline dropped away. Kim entered the straight first followed by Philanthropist. Before the stands Thunder who was lying handy came out with a strong run and dead heated with Kim. 1 length.
Time:—1 min. 41 secs.
Tote paid: Win on No. 1 Rs. 20, No. 7 Rs. 29, places Rs. 15-8, Rs. 16, and Rs. 16.
Trainer:—T. Redfern trained both the winners.

THE MUSCAT PLATE. Division I.—For Arabs landed on or since 1st July, 1916, direct from the country of foaling. W. A. reduced 6lbs. (Landing Allowance Clause in General Conditions does not apply). Allowance—Ponies 14 hands and under. Penalties—Winners once 7lbs. twice 10lbs., oftener 14 lbs. Winner Rs. 1,000; second Rs. 300, third Rs. 200. Distance—About 6 furlongs.
Mr. A. S. Oomer and A. Nanjee's FOUR ACES, 9-0, A. Templeman ..... 1
Mr. Abdoolah Mana's NATAL, 7-5, cd. 7-12, Zamil ..... 2
Mr. S. A. Wahed's GREY LEG, 8-11, Buckley ..... 3
Also Ran:—White Pearl 8-7, Bhookri 8-7, Zuheir 8-7, Adil 8-4, Contest 8-3, Macassar 7-5, Harrington 7-5, Florida 7-5, Starling 7-5, and California 7-5.
The Race:—Harrington took the lead followed by Four Aces. At the 3rd furlong they were level and Four Aces got an advantage. He was the first to enter the straight and when called upon simply cantered home followed by Natal who could make no impression on him. Won by 2 lengths, 2 lengths, 3/4 lengths.
Time:—1 min. 26 secs.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 14-8, places Rs. 12-8, Rs. 15-8, and Rs. 22.
Trainer:—Mr. A. S. Oomer.

THE MUSCAT PLATE. Division II.—Winner Rs. 1,000, second Rs. 300, third Rs. 200. For Arabs landed on or since 1st July, 1916, direct from the country of foaling. W. A. reduced 6lbs. Landing allowance (Clause in General Conditions does not apply.) Allowance—Ponies 14 hands and under 4lbs. Penalties—Winners once 7lbs., twice 10 lbs., oftener 14 lbs. Distance—About 6 furlongs.
Mr. Heath's LAUNCESTON, 8-10, F. Hardy ..... 1
Mr. Abdoolah Mana's CHARING CROSS, 8-7, Zamil ..... 2
Mr. Yussuf Sheriff's ARGONAUT, 8-3, Harrison ..... 3
Also Ran:—Niger 8-13, Autocrat 8-11, Hamid Pasha 8-10, Khooleb 8-7, Badoh 8-7, Sir Martin 8-7, Medallion 8-3, Nevada 8-3, Mandarin 7-9 cd. 7-12, Nestor 7-9 cd. 7-10, and Consuelo 7-5.
The Race:—They were sent away almost all in a bunch, Nestor behind. Charing Cross did the running followed by Argonaut and Hamid Pasha. At the bend Charing Cross had the advantage. But Launceston, well ridden by Hardy came strong and made the race with Charing Cross. Launceston passed before the stand to win by a neck, 3/4 length, ½ length.
Time:—1 min. 27 secs.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 45, places Rs. 19-8, Rs. 32-8, Rs. 29-8.
Trainer:—T. Harrison.

THE CHARNI ROAD PLATE.—A high weight handicap for Arabs. Winner Rs. 2,000; second, Rs. 700; third, Rs. 300. Distance—1¼ miles.
Messrs. M. Goculdass and P. Mathuradass' ROYAL COURT, 7-5, Purtoosingh ..... 1
General Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's SINGER, 9-8, Collis ..... 2
Mr. R. R. S.'s KAYID, 9-4, F. Templeman. 3
Also Ran:—Beyrut 9-10, Purity 9-1, Longboat 8-4, Money Gold 9-0, Section 7-11, East Court 7-11, Excelsior 7-10, Ace of Royals 7-2.
The Race:—They were sent away to a perfect start when Money Gold shot out first followed by Excelsior. Excelsior took a strong lead and lead to the 3rd furlong where he dropped back. Royal Court on the outside came out and was the first to enter the straight. Singer came out strong but could make no impression on the winner—neck ½ length.
Time:—2 min. 21 secs.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 46, places Rs. 16, Rs. 72 and Rs. 18-8.
Trainer:—C. B. Mahomed.

THE WOLVERHAMPTON PLATE.—A high weight handicap for horses in the 3rd Division. Winner Rs. 1,500; second Rs. 500; third Rs. 300. Distance—1 mile.
Mr. R. R. S.'s DUNSKEY, 9-5, F. Templeman ..... 1
General Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's SEIGNEURIE, 8-0, Collis ..... 2
Mr. J. Stewart's CHASTITY, Harrison ... 3
Also ran.—Dress 9-12, Lucky Thought 9-4, Adelaide II 8-5, Minimum 7 12, Vardar 7-10, cd 7-11.
The Race.—The start was a good one. Chastity at once jumped to the front and made the running followed by Seignuerie and Lucky Thought up to the bend. In the straight Chastity gave up the struggle and Seignuerie took the lead. She looked like winning when Dunskey came with a great rush and won by a neck. ½ length, 1 length.
Time.—1 min. 41secs.
Tote paid.—Win Rs. 72, Places Rs. 22, Rs. 17 and Rs. 18-8.
Trainer.—Byramjee Rustomjee.

THE CHURCH GATE PLATE.—A high weight handicap for Arab Ponies 14 hands and under in the 2nd Division. Winner Rs. 1,500; second Rs. 500; third Rs. 300. Distance 5 furlongs. (Straight.)
Messrs. A. R. Dakeel and Sayed Ahmed's DEFENDER, 9-4, A. Templeman ..... 1
Mr. Ebrahim Mutleg's SAOOD, 7-8, Harrison ..... 2
Mr. Ali bin Talib's CYPRUS, 7-9, Mujeed 3
Also ran.—Lord Roseberry 9-5, Tenebreuse 9-5, Dhaidan 9-4, Harchan 8-13, Engine 8-13, Ruby Fish 8-6, Sirmust 8-0.
The Race—Saood did the running closely pursued by Defender, towards home Cyprus closed in, but Defender passed Saood near home to win by ½ length, 1 length ½length.
Time—1 min. 7 secs
Tote paid.—Rs. 103 for win, Rs. 42, Rs. 21, Rs 25 for Places.
Trainer.—A. R. Dakeel.

THE TANSA PLATE.—A High Weight Handicap for Arab Ponies 14 hands and under. Winner Rs. 2,000; second Rs. 700; third Rs. 300. Distance 1 mile.
Mr. Dara Covasjee's RED CROSS, 8-13, F. Hardy ..... 1
Mr. R. H. Gahagan's DURBAN, 8-12, Bowley ..... 2
Mr. A. S. Oomer's KHARAMAN, 8-7, Collis ..... 3
Also Ran.—Zaki Pasha 9-10, Mexico 9, Young Majub 8-8, Burg 8-3, Ace of Hearts 8-2, Gazal 7-5, Bielig 7-13, Tawdry 6-6, Abdul 6-4.
The Race.—They started together Abdul and Kharaman being slightly ahead Red Cross and Durban lying behind. Gazal moved to the front near the 2nd furlongs. Red Cross was first to enter the straight followed by Kharaman and Durban. They raced in the order to the end. Gazal tried hard but was finished before stands. 1 length, neck ½ length.
Time.—1 min. 51½ secs.
Tote paid Win Rs. 708, Places Rs. 18-8, Rs. 19-8 and Rs. 40-8.
Trainer Etul Rama.

## FIRST DAY : SECOND ENTRIES.

(Saturday, 10th February.)

THE INNOVATION PLATE.—Distance about 7 furlongs.

1st Entries 22.

Mr. P. B. Avasia's b e g Lavoco, aged.
Messrs. J. H. Skelton and W. P. Pechey's br e g Llangeinor, 6 years.

THE IMPORTERS' PLATE.—Distance, 1¼ miles.

1st Entries 14.

Mr. Mr. Goculdass' b e g Gibberich, 5 years.

THE VELLARD PLATE.—Distance, 5 furlongs, straight.

1st Entries 25.

Mr. J. P. J. Walen's b e m Highfield Lady, 14-12, 4 years.
Messrs. A. S. Oomer and F. A. Tarrant's ch e g Royal Song, 4 years.
Messrs. Heath and Stewarts' bl e m Corridor, aged.

2nd Day, Wednesday, 14th February, 1917.

THE ADELAIDE Plate.—Distance, 5 furlongs, straight.

1st Entries 23.

Mr. D. Lindsay's ch e g Tollendal, 6 years.
Mr. Downe's br e h Billy Bawn, 5 years.
Messrs. J. K. Irani and George's b e g King's Head, 6 years.

THE MAHALUXMI PLATE.—Distance 1 mile.

1st Entries 22.

Mr. M. Goculdass' b e g Gibberish, 5 years.
Genl. Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's br e m Somali, 4 years.
Messrs. J. K. Irani and George's b e g King's Head, 6 years.

3rd Day, Saturday, 17th February, 1917.

THE GRAND WESTERN HANDICAP.—Distance, 1 mile.

1st Entries 34.

Aga Coochick Shah's ch e m Partial Eclipse, 6 years.
Messrs. J. H. Skelton and W. P. Pechey's br e g g Llangeinor, 6 years.

THE FLYING PLATE.—Distrance 5 furlongs (Straight.)

1st Entries 21.

Messrs. J. H. Skelton and W. P. Pechey's br e g g Llangeinor, 6 years

THE MAZAGON PLATE.—Distance 1¼ miles.

1st Entries 19.

Mr. M. Goculdass' b e g Gibberish, 5 years.
Aga Coochick Shah's ch e m Partial Eclipse, 6 years.

THE SYDNEY PLATE.—Distance about 6 furlongs.

1st Entries 31.

Mr. D. Lindsay's ch e g Tollendal, 6 years.
Mr. M. Goculdass' b e g Gibberish, 5 years.
Messrs. J. K. Irani and George's b e g King's Head, 6 years.

THE GATWICK PLATE.—Distrance about 6 furlongs.

1st Entries 27.

Mr. J. P. J. Walen's b e m Highfield Lady, 14-12, 4 years
Messrs. A. S. Oomer and F. A. Tarrant's ch e g Royal Song, 4 years.
Messrs. Heath and Stewart's bl e m Corridor, aged.

THE GOUGH MEMORIAL PLATE.—Distance about 6 furlongs.

1st Entries 24.

Genl. Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's ch a h Engine, 14-0.

4th Day, Tuesday, 20th February 1917.

THE WILLINGDON PLATE.—Distance 1¼ miles.

1st Entries 28.

Aga Coochick Shah's ch e m Partial Eclipse, 6 years.
H. H. Maharaja of Gwalior's b e h Philanthropist, 6 years.

THE COLABA PLATE.—Distance 1 mile.

1st Entries 24.

Mr. M. Goculdass' b e g Gibberish, 5 years.
Genl. Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's br e m Somali, 4 years.
Messrs. J. K. Irani and George's b e g King's Head, 6 years.

THE WORLI PLATE.—Distance 5 furlongs (Straight).

1st Entries 23.

Mr. D. Lindsay's ch e g Tollendal, 6 years.
Messrs. J. K. Irani and George's b e g King's Head, 6 years.

THE DAMASCUS PLATE.—Distance 1 mile.

1st Entries 28.

Genl. Nawabzada Obaidulla Khan's br a h Collector, 6 years.
Mr. Haji Ahmed Bagdady's b a h Shailan, 5 years.

5th Day, Saturday, 24th February 1917.

THE BYCULLA CLUB CUP.—Distance 1½ miles.

1st Entries 25.

Aga Coochick Shah's ch e m Partial Eclipse, 6 years.

THE MANSFIELD PLATE.—Distance about 6 furlongs.

Messrs. J. H. Skelton and W. P. Pechey's br e g Llangeinor, 6 years.

THE STAND PLATE.—Distance 1½ miles.

1st Entries 23.

Mr. M. Goculdass' b e g Gibberish, 5 years.

THE MORLAND PLATE.—Distance 5 furlongs (Straight).

1st Entries 25.

Mr. J. P. J. Walen's b e m Highfield Lady, 14-1½, 4 years.
Messrs. A. S. Oomer and F. A. Tarrant's ch e g Royal Song, 4 years.
Messrs. Heath and Stewart's bl e m Corridor, aged.

THE TURF CLUB CUP.—Distance 1½ miles.

1st Entries 29.

Mr. Haji Ahmed Bagdady's b a h Shailan, 5 years.
Mr. Khalaf bin Saif's g a h Murpho, 5 years.

THE DESERT PLATE.—Distance 1¼ miles.

1st Entries 23.

Mr. Haji Ahmed Bagdady's b a h Shailan, 5 years.

THE TOWN PLATE.—Distance about 7 furlongs.

1st Entries 23.

Mr. Downes' b a h Abdul, 13-3½.
Messrs. J. H. Skelton and W. P. Pechey's b a h Tenebruese, 13-3½.

Final Entries close on Tuesday, 23rd January 1917.

## ST. DUNSTAN'S HOSTEL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CHRONICLE."

Sir,—The great war that is raging on the Continent of Europe has worked havoc in many directions. I wish to allude to only one of them. Many a soldier and sailor and their officers are blinded by this war, and their future marred and their life rendered hopeless and dependent. For persons so afflicted there seemed no hopeful future, but the ways of God and His dispensation are unfathomable. Sir Arthur Pearson, it seems, lost his sight to come to the help of these unfortunates and to take the place of the late Dr. Thomas R. Armitage to whom the blind of the British Isles owe their all in all. Sir Arthur has opened a hostel in London, helped by enthusiastic and sympathetic workes. He admits here blinded soldiers, sailors and officers. Arrangements are made for their loding, boarding and recreation. Ample opportunities and means in the shape of sympathising friends, carriages and motors, are at their service. Sympathetic friends are always ready to talk them, read to them and to take a stroll with them in the compound of the hostel. Near at hand is a river where they can take baths and refresh themselves. Musical entertainments for them are also provided. But above all, what they are provided with, is the education of reading and writing in braille, which brings them in touch with the best English literature and gives them an opportunity of coming in close contact with what is going on about them, and in this way makes them forget that they are blind; for, fresh fields and pastures new are now opened up for them, where they can roam freely.

The hostel does not stop its work here. Classes for teaching scientific massage are opened here and many blind have taken to this work and are now serving the sighted sick suffering from paralysis, stiff joints, etc. and earning their bread as massageurs in public hospitals and private homes.

Captain Weber who lost his sight in the Boer War on returning home studied poultry farming. The Agricultural Department in England recognises him as an authority on this subject and sends him about to give to the villagers and practical insght into the subject. Since the opening of the St. Dunstan's Hostel for the blinded in war, he has taken up the work of teaching this subject to such of the blinded soldiers, sailors and officers as are willing to learn it. He makes out the Species of the poultry and also which of them are likely to lay more eggs and prove profitable. He instructs them as to what kind of food the poultry should have according to the seasons; what exercise they should have in order that they may be healthy and about their housing. People so instructed go out into the world as poultry frmers, staying in villages and earning their bread nicely by this profession.

A blind expert carpenter working as a teacher of carpetry offered his services to the blinded returned from war with a view to give them a bread-winning profession. He has succeeded in teaching a few who have taken to this profession and others are being trained.

The blind at this hostel also learn canework and are under the guidance of a blind expert in this department. Some of the blind are already out into the world earning their bread by basket making or caning the seats of chairs.

The above record of the hostel presents to to the world a unique spectacle of not only the sighted helping the blind but also the blind leading the blind.

This shows that if the blind be taken in hand and taught a useful profession, they will cease to be a burden to others and their lives rendered happy.

Many Indian Soldiers have returned blinded from the war and it is likely that many ore will add to their number. It is now 2 ears and 3 months since the Indian soldiers went to help their British comrades in this giganfic struggle. War hospitals are working to minimise the sufferings of the wounded and the sick returned from the war and it seems that the Bombay Government is thinking of extending its helping hand to the blinded in this Presidency and I wish the other Provincial Governments will follow suit.

Yours &c.,
N. D.

## LUCKNOW RACES.

(From our Correspondent.)

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.

The following are handicaps for the Civil Service Cup to be run at Lucknow on Saturday, January 27:—Symptoms 10-7, Frisette 9-9, Arlington 9-6, Lady Bunny 9-0, Ormy 8-7, Pier 7-7, Greylight 7-6, Alice 7-5, Toylene 7-1, Imperialist 7-1, Little Wonder 7-0, Token 6-13, Bonnie Blush 6-12, Navina 6-11, Lady Lyric 6-0, Shamshera 6-0.

## CALCUTTA RACES.

### PANTOMIME WINS PRINCE OF WALES PLATE.

(From our Correspondent.)

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.

Owing to the day not being a public holiday the attendance was on the small side but those that came witnessed interesting racing. There was no close finish to-day but the winners were difficult to finish. In fact all second favourites materialised. Pantomime won the Prince of Wales Plate in a capital fashion.

Details:—

GRAND STAND HURDLE HANDICAP.—R. C. and Distance over 7 flights.—
Mr. Doultfl's TARFOOT, 10-13, Hayhoe ..... 1
Mr. Norton's SIMON'S LIGHT 10-10, Williamson ..... 2
Mr. Butler's ENCORE 9-10, (car. 9-9) Northmore ..... 3
Betting:—Evens Simon's Light, 3 to 2, Tarfoot, fours encore.
Race:—Tarfoot, Simon's Light and Encore was the order from start to the finish, 3 1-2, lengths and 6 lengths dividing them respectively.
Time:—3 mts. 32 1-5 secs.
Totes paid Rs. 29 for win.

THE TALLYHO PLATE.—Distance 2 miles over 8 flights.
Mr. Coningham's BLACKMAILER 10-8, Clarke ..... 1
Mr. Kelso's SCREAMER, 11-4, A. Scott ..... 2
The Zemindar of Nazerguny's CANBERRA 11-0, Northmore ..... 3
Also ran:—Brandichoc 9-0, Dolly Dimple 10-0, Saltikoff 9-13, Pat Malone 9-9.
Betting:—3 to 2, Screamer, threes Blackmailer, sixes Canberra and Dolly Dimple, eights Saltikoff, Twelves rest.
The Race:—Saltikoff was the first to breat the line and was followed by Screamer, Blackmailer, then Pat Malone and Dolly Dimple. Five Furlongs from Saltikoff shot his bolt and Blackmailer assumed the lead, chased by Screamer and Canberra and they passed the box in that order, three and six lengths separating them.
Time:—3 mts. 44-4/5 secs.
Totes Paid:—Rs. 40 win, Rs. 11 and Rs. 17 places.

THE KIDDERPORE PLATE.—Distance 1-1/2 miles.
Mr. Galstaun's CASTLE VITE 8-3 Wing... 1
Mr. Bartlet's SUNGREBE 6-12, (car. 6-13) Lynch ..... 2
Mr. Lauder's MARCHOG GWYN 8-0, Flynn ..... 3
Also ran:—Targuin 8-5, Spoofer 8-12, Sumurun 8-10, Ma Honey 8-7, Ystrad 8-5, Jemima 8-3, Staccato 8-2, (car 8-5), Yonkers 7-10, Port of Spain 7-8, Bondicca 6-7, (car 6-13).
The Race:—To a level start Yonker's led with Spoofer second and Castle Vite next with the rest of the field tailing off in Indian file. From the mile post Port of Spain went in first, Castle Vite second, then Sungrebe, Marchog, Gwyn and Tarqui. The rest still tailed off. Two furlongs from home Port of Spain compounded and Castle Vite shot forward in the van to win by 3/4 lengths, 1/2 length between second and third.
Time:—2 mts. 36 secs.
Totes Paid:—Rs. 77 win, Rs. 27 34 and 126 places.

THE PRINCE OF WALES PLATE.—Distance 1 miles.
Messrs. Nanjee and Ramshaw's PANTOMIME 8-6 Flynn ..... 1
Mr. Goculda's SWANKER 8-11 Huxby ..... 2
Mr. Marshall's BOSS LEE 7-3, (car 7-9) Vick ..... 3
Also ran:—Santa Barbara 7-3, Evett 9-0, Dersingham 8-10, Symrex 8-8, Aberdare 8-7.
Betting:—9 to 4 Swanker, three Pantomime and Evett, sixes Symrex, eights Santa Barbara, twelves rest.
The Race:—After Dersingham had taken them along for a couple of furlongs Boss Lee took the lead with Symrex next Pantomime being last and Swanker just in front of her. Two furlongs from home pantomime began to move up and was in the van furlong from home where Swanker made his run but lost by 2-1/2 lengths, 1-1/2 lengths off came third.
Time:—1 min. 40 secs.
Totes Paid:—Rs. 47 win, Rs. 16, 15 and 33 for places.

THE HOWRAH PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.
Mr. Bates' LANG WHANG 8-9 Firth ..... 1
Messrs Swan and Hilliard's COLOUR BAY 8-3, Vick ..... 2
Mr. Galstaun's WATTEAU 7-5, Lynch ..... 3
Deadheat.
Also ran:—The rockig horse 9-0, Verres 9-0, Melton Lass 8-2.
Betting:—5 to 4 on Lang Whang, fours Melton Lass, sixes Colour Bay and Watteau, fifteens rest.
The Race:—Watteau led at the start, the rest getting off level. Lang Whang soon streaked to the front and though Colour Bay and Watteau came strong at the finish they failed to make any impression on the leader who won comfortably by two lengths from deadheaters.
Time:—1 min. 14-3/5 secs.
Totes Paid: Rs. 18 win, Rs. 12, 12 and 14 places.

THE CLYDE PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.
Mr. Peter's HIGHFIELD LADY 8-12, Rienz ..... 1
Mr. Butler's NAVEL 9-8, Firth ..... 2
Mr. Ali's MAUD 6-7, (car 6-12) Lynch ..... 3
Also ran:—Regal Sally 9-3, Wallace Plaid 6-12 (car 6-13).
Betting:—Evens Narel, twos High Field Lady, sixes Maud, tens rest.
The Race:—Highfield Lady streaked out in front and despite a hot challenge from Narel managed to win by a neck, 1-3/4 lengths between second and third.
Time:—1 min. 15-3/5 secs.
Totes Paid:—Rs. 29 win, Rs. 13 and 12 places.

## CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.

There was very little change in the market for jute mill shares which ruled rather dull without very much inquiry. These securities are, however receiving some attention on the part of investors although only to a limited extent. Preference shares found buyers freely. Coal shares were dull without much inquiry, but Sowardihe and Burrakurs were in request, the former advancing to 142 and the latter to 390. In other directions there was not much doing. The following sales took place:—

Coal:—Bhalgora 39/4 Burrakur 36/4 to 39, Bokaro and Ramghur 13/2, 13/4, Jainty West 12/8, 12/12, Lakurka 39, 39/4. 39/8, New Tetturya 13/12, Parasea 5/, Ranegunge 38, 38/8, Samla Kendra 20/ Sodeeh 8/8, Sowardih 13/10, 13/14, 14.

Jute:—Barnagore ord 120, 120, Budge Budge ord 420, 410, 413, Clive crd 160, 159, Clive "A" prefs. 115, Dalhousie ord 344, Delta 415, 410, 412, 412/8, Gourepore prefs. 106, 107 Howrah ord 343, 345, 346, Howrah "A" prefs 113, 114, Howrah prefs. 118, Kamarhatty ord 400, Kelvin ord 645, Kankinarrah ord 545, 550, Lawrence prefs. 122, Lawrence ord 325, 320, 522, New Central ord 415, Northbrook ord 35/8, Reliance prefs 115, 116, Standard ord 417/8

Tea:—Benarhat prefs. 111, 112, 113, Jutlibari 1/8, 1/12, Phoenix 54.

Miscellaneous:—Shahdara Delhi Saharanppr Railway 120.

Government paper three and a half per cent was quoted at Rs. 75 to 75/4 and nominal and small lots were done at Rs. 75/8 to 75/12.

## EXCELSIOR THEATRE.

### "THE ROTTERS."

"The Rotters," a tale of a disreputable family, which was produced at the Excelsior Theatre last night by the Bandman Comedy Company, belongs to a class of satirical comedy which has become rather prolific in the English Theatre in recent years. For many years the satire of the cynic was applied exclusively to the "upper circles," the middle classes only appeared on the stage in the medium of treacly sentiment provided by such writers as the late T. W. Robertson. It was always supposed that the middle classes would never tolerate the holding-up of the mirror to their own lives and take it however true or however cruel or exaggerated, in the spirit of good-humoured amusement which characterised the attitude of Society towards the pourtrayal of its foibles. The middle classes must always be enshrined in sentiment, whether in comedy or in drama. And it is doubtful whether twenty, or even ten, years ago a London manager would have risked his box office receipts with a frank exposure of and jeer at middle class morality and hypocrisy such as Mr. Maltby offers in "The Rotters". But times have changed and the pit and dress-circle have come to realise that a little introspection in their own case is quite as enjoyable to their class as the other kind of play was to the boxes and stalls. The vogue began with the delightful plays dealing with Scotch psychology and the depicting of the moral and social eccentricities of Scotch middle-class life. It has since found its way into Yorkshire and Lancashire and will presently reach the London suburb.

"If You have a father who thinks it a sin to breathe, you've got to live by artificial respiration," is the profoundly philosphical remark of Estelle Clugston, the youngest of the family of "Rotters",—the epithet applied by Mr. Clugston to the whole of his offspring and his wife. Mr. Clugston has always been respectable. And he has made his respectability felt, as he himself puts it, so that other people feel that they must be respectable too. It is the outward manisfestation of respectability that he believes in and he has forced it on his family to such an extent that they haven't a grain of real respectability about them. They are all about as unmoral and immoral as they can be *sub rosa*. And since they all get into trouble within a period of a few days Mr. Clugston's respectability, which he has so perspirirly sustained and advertised for many years, suddenly tumbles about his ears like a pack of cards. They are altogether and without exception odious, the Clugston family. Their unpleasantness is so consistent and extreme that, if it were not for Mr. Maltby's success in keeping them always in a humorous light, they could hardly be borne. Mr. Clugston has a chauffeur in a gorgeous uniform,—a young and goodlooking chauffeur, who is more of a gentleman than any of the family of his employer can ever hope to be. All the females of the family, mother and daughters, ogle and flirt with him and the son borrows money from him. Mr. Clugston discloses his elder daughter with him in compromising circumstances. His younger daughter is expelled from school for flirting with choir boys and a generally flighty demeanour. His son is arrested in a raid on a gambling den and brought up before his great rival on the Bench and in the Council. Finally, he discovers that his wife has a secret in her past. And to crown all, just as he is denouncing and towering over his miserable and disgraced family circle in the pose of the one pillar of respectability, in walks the wife who divorced him many years ago and who has been hunting him for for her alimony ever since. The family and the chauffeur take advantage of the exposure to blackmail him. They are consistently odious to the last and we leave him replying to the demand of his wife as to what *she* is going to get, that she will get *him*!

As we have indicated, the play is delightfully written and constructed. And on the whole it was well acted. Mr. Corson Clarke gave an excellent character study of Clugston though he was neither in appearance, accent or manner the pompous Yorkshire town councillor that the author intended. Miss Betty Linley, again, gave quite a clever peformance as Mrs. Clugston, but she was not Mrs. Clugston as she was meant to be, and it seems a pity to waste Miss Betty Linley's looks and charm on ugly character parts. Miss Beryl Barraclough was delightful as the precocious and unpleasant, but none the less fascinating Estelle and Miss Margaret Dale Owen hit off the equally unpleasant character of the other daughter admirably. Mr. James Geldard was sufficiently odious as the son. Mr. Carl Lawson played the part of the gilded chauffeur with his customary aplomb and Mr. J. W. Tate gave a perfect study of a police-inspector Miss Mary Linley played a maid of all work with a fine sense of low comedy, and Miss Evelyn Shelley got all the humour necessary out of the part of "The Strange Lady."

## CASUALTY LIST.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 9.

The following casualties are announced:—

KILLED.

Lieut H C Bellamy, Royal Scots.
Second-Lieut E C Helmore, Sherwoods.
Second-Lieut A C Kerr, Engineers.
Second-Lieut R M M Paxton, Garrison Artillery.
Lieut E E M Taylor, Machine Gun Corps.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING BELIEVED KILLED NOW KILLED.

Second-Lieut J C Hyde, Sherwoods.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW KILLED.

Second-Lieut H E Williams, Londons.

WOUNDED.

Second-Lieut F Barrowcliff, Yorkshires.
Second-Lieut T G Brown, Camerons.
Captain H W B Foster, Northumberlands.
Captain B C Mozley, Dorsets.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED NOW NOT WOUNDED.

Second-Lieut G Clark, Worcesters.

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Second-Lieut H F Denham-Smith, Field Artillery.

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*THE BOMBAY CHRONICLE.*

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## OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL PLOTS.

We have already dealt at some length with the now famous letter of Mr. Lionel Curtis, with the betrayal, as we conceive it, of his mission, and with his "friends" and his fallacies. The harm that is threatened to India by the pernicious propaganda of which he seems to have become the tool and the mouthpiece, while fancying himself probably as its guide and originator,—is so grave that we do not regret the time and space that we have devoted to its exposure. And indeed we are not yet done with the mountainous fallacies on the top of which Mr. Curtis has done his best to earn a dizzy but precarious fame. Meanwhile, it is important once more to call attention to an aspect of the matter which is less personal than public, and which so far has not received sufficient attention. It is a point of paramount urgency. It is quite three weeks now since the great exposure of the Curtis scheme. One of its outstanding, and astonishing features was, as every one knows and has been discussing, the revelation of the complicity of certain high-placed officials of the Government. It is a standing and fundamental rule in India that no Government servant may take part in political movements. For obvious reasons the underlying principle of the prohibition is as salutary as it is necessary and unconditional. The business of Government servants in this country, as elsewhere, is, and should be, to be administrators and not propagandists. And the rule obtains not only in general, but specifically throughout the governmental system,—e.g., in the peremptory prohibition, under the Civil Service Regulations, restraining all officers and officials of Government from having anything to do with the public press. Yet Mr. Curtis's letter disclosed the extraordinary fact that his intimate associates in a deep-dyed and more than merely controversial political movement were no others than the Lieutenant-Governor of a Province, and his Inspector-General of Police. "This letter," said Mr. Curtis, "which has been revised in detail by them, may be taken as representing our joint view."

This is as conclusive as it is culpable. If Mr. Curtis is right, he does more than incriminate his "friends": he convicts them of a gross violation of the written and unwritten laws of their service. It is a breach as much of the covenants as of the traditions which are behind the system of Indian Government. If, on the other hand, Mr. Curtis's statement was unfounded, he should have been instantly and publicly disowned and repudiated. In any event, in view of Mr. Curtis's clear and circumstantial allegation, an explanation was called for, and none has so far been forthcoming. The matter, of course, cannot possibly be allowed to rest there. The people of India must have an assurance that those who, under the authority of the Sovereign and of the Supreme Government, are set above them as rulers and administrators will not simultaneously be occupied in an active conspiracy to impair their constitutional status and frustrate their political development. Mr. Curtis, of course, can please himself. He has grossly discredited the "Round Table" movement in India, as we know, and in making a mess of his mission he has, we fear, seriously impaired if he has not altogether destroyed the utility of a great enquiry which had all over the Empire been accorded a warm and respectful welcome. Such are the penalties of incompetence in important positions. But Mr. Curtis, all the same, is a free agent: his reckoning will lie with his employers, and the public is interested in his activities only to the extent of their actual and potential influence on its own interests. But Sir James Meston and Mr. Marris, as we have pointed out, are in a different category. By every standard and test that holds in this matter, they cannot very well reconcile their Lieutenant-Governorship and Inspector-Generalship, respectively, with the function of advisers and abettors of Mr. Lionel Curtis. It is, doubtless, from their point of view unfortunate that their prolonged participation in the scheme should have been prematurely revealed, but from the public point of view the disclosure is all to the good. And that circumstance does not make it less but more exceptionable. How far these Government officials had allowed themselves to drift into the wrong habit of mind, and to forget their responsibilities, is curiously reflected in a significant but otherwise inconspicuous fact. In the latest number of "Round Table," as in previous issues we believe, appears the name of "W. S. Marris, Esq., C.I.E., c/o Secretariat, Lucknow, U. P.," as its representative in India. This is a very unconventional role, to say the least, to be filled by the Inspector-General of Police of an Indian Province, and the situation is not improved from the point of view of the public by the fact that the Lieutenant-Governor, the direct superior of this official, not only apparently countenanced the aberrations of his subordinate, but was himself his colleague and exemplar in this business.

This will not do, and, we repeat, the matter cannot remain where it is. The time has come when there should be a formal dissociation of officialdom from the Curtis clique. Nor is this necessary merely on point of principle. Mr. Curtis in his letter says: "On January 15 I go to Madras, and thence on January 25, I leave to visit the Round Table group at Agra. Then I am to go with Marris into camp again in a typical district of Northern India, &c." It would be interesting to know who the "Round Table group at Agra" are, and whether, as we have reason to believe, it comprises other busy servants of the public who, following the example of their executive head, are anxious to engage themselves in plans for the precipitate surrender of India's place in the Empire. The Indian public is entitled to an explanation and an assurance that Sir James Meston and Mr. Marris will henceforth confine themselves to their legitimate duties. If they have any difficulty in rendering the same, it should be the business of the Government of India to take the initiative in the matter. This is imperatively necessary, not only to reassure the public mind, but to ensure that other Government officials, in other parts of India, will not similarly assist in, or be victimised by, the Chirollian conspiracy.

## THE PROBLEM OF THE HABITUAL CRIMINAL.

The most marked feature, in recent years, of police administration in the country as evidenced by the official reports of the various provinces, has been a continued increase of expenditure on police. The increased and increasing expenditure is justified on the plea of efficiency. But, as the statistics of crime show, the increase of expenditure has not as a matter of fact, resulted in a substantial gain of efficiency. Not only is there a rise in general crime observable in most parts of the country, but there is also a marked falling-off in the percentage of detection. With those, therefore, who have given serious thought to this matter, the conviction is growing that there is something radically wrong, not merely in the system of police administration but also in the prevailing notion that mere police efficiency, to whatever pitch of perfection it may be carried, in the official view will solve the problem of crime. The root causes of most crimes lie deeper than any police vigilance can fathom. Poverty, with its attendant tragedy of anxious solicitude for honest living and want of any opportunity for such living, is the parent of crime in many more cases than police authorities and even social reformers are ready to realize. Besides, there are certain classes of criminals like the habituals, who are to a large extent the creatures of circumstances created by our faulty police and prison systems, and who cannot be expected to be reformed under these systems, unless an earnest and sympathetic attempt is made to have them trained and settled to peaceful and honest ways of life. However sincere such a criminal may be in his desire and effort to reform, he has ordinarily no chance of doing so. Once convicted, under present conditions, his case is often practically hopeless and he is compelled to abandon himself to despair and to avenge upon society the injustice of which he feels himself, not unnaturally, the subject. There are at one end of the scale the criminal tribes and at the other the juvenile criminals, both in their own distinct ways, criminals not by choice but by force of circumstances. There is the ordinary or accidental criminal gradually turned into a dangerous one by a defective system, that does not take into consideration the mental anguish through which he passes and which is often an even greater punishment than that inflicted upon him by the Court. Lastly there are the waifs and strays of the cities and towns drifting to crime for want of a protecting hand. The problem that faces society is how as many as possible of the members of all these classes of potential and actual criminals are to be turned into its honest and useful members. The fundamental considerations should be, but rarely are, borne in mind are that a criminal, by the mere fact of being so, does not cease to be a human being; that merely to weak the vengeance of society on him is not the best way of reforming him; that finally, his attempted reformation by gentler and indirect methods is a duty laid upon society not merely in his interest but also in that of society. A change of attitude towards them, therefore, is the first essential to secure a lasting improvement in the ways of our criminals.

The brochure published by Commissioner Booth-Tucker, under the rather ungainly title of "Criminocurology," being a review of the work of the Salvation Army among the prisoners, habituals and criminal tribes of India, contains many useful and thoughtful suggestions as to the need of this change of attitude and the manner in which it should be brought about. Commissioner Booth Tucker recognises the basic principle that it is only by a combination of his labour with land and capital that the criminal,—we wish Commissioner Booth-Tucker would avoid the repellant un-English word "crim" or "Crimdom," can become a productive asset of value to society. He is also free to admit that his co-workers are still learners. "We do not profess," he says, "to have reached finality even in regard to principles and methods." He also recognizes the necessity of a change of attitude towards the criminal and the importance of making him self-supporting. But in elaborating his practical suggestion, he is apt to forget that the criminals are human beings, and to regard them as mere things to be manipulated in accordance with the exigencies of a cut and dried scheme. It is this tendency which seems to have prompted him, in considering the treatment to be afforded to the criminal tribes, to condemn the present policy which he considers weak and vacillating and to demand a strong attitude on the part of the Government, who, he insists, should make full use of all the special powers provided by the Criminal Tribes Act. "While the sword rests in its scabbard," he says "it cannot be a 'terror to evil doers.' He has no great faith in the healing effect of persuasion which "has its advantages, but has also its limitations, and in dealing with criminals it cannot be too clearly and emphatically insisted that it is inefficient and insufficient." He is, therefore, led to urge that the provisions of the Act should be enforced not along permissive and voluntary, but along mandatory, lines. "If one class more than another needs to feel that inside the velvet glove there is an iron hand, it is the hardened or hereditary criminal." The alternative for the criminal tribes must be, according to him, the "settlement" on the 'prison." The necessity of a firm attitude in dealing with these tribes on suitable occasions cannot be overemphasised, but it is futile to expect that good results can be attained by the rigorous and wholesale adoption of a policy of the "iron hand" without regard to the special circumstances of the various tribes concerned and without taking into account the all-important human factor. No human beings can be dragooned to virtuous ways.

## Notes of the Day.

**Ominous Declarations.**

There is something very ominous in the renewed declarations of their preparedness for war on the part of the smaller neutrals in Europe such as Switzerland, Holland and Sweden. The former has gone so far as to mobilise three divisions in spite of the assurances of the belligerents on both sides of their intention to respect her neutrality. So far as France and her Allies are concerned that assurances may be held to stand good. France will scrupulously observe her obligations, under the Hague Convention and the accepted law of nations, in regard to Switzerland as she did in the case of Belgium. But with Germany it is another matter. Ravaged Belgium and strangled Luxembourg, both of which she was bound by treaty to respect, stand as examples which may well make the Swiss Government apprehensive at a time when the war has reached a stage when the violation of Swiss territory might present to Germany the only means of a possible escape from a desparate situation. There is no need to fear that the Swiss mobilisation has any other motive than the desire to be prepared for the eventuality of a German attempt to use Swiss territory for an unscrupulous end. And it is certain that Holland, which has also shown recent signs of nervousness, would resist with all her power any attempt to violate her neutrality. With Sweden, however, there remains a doubt.

**The New Madras Member.**

The views expressed in these columns yesterday regarding the appointment of Dewan Bahadur Rajagopalchariar's appointment as Member of the Madras Executive Council are endorsed by the Madras Press, which is unanimous in its view regarding the Dewan Bahadur's great ability, independence of character, vast experience and ripe judgment. "New India", which joins in the chorus of approval, remarks that, but for the fact that the Indian public earnestly desired that the post should go to a non-official it is a good one. But it was hardly to be expected that the Madras Government would be quite so generous as to accede to the popular wish for a non-official, and they are to be congratulated, not only as we said yesterday on having resisted the attempt to oblige the official junta of an outside province by appointing its nominee, but also in having selected the most able Indian they could have found within official ranks. "The Hindu" points out that the new member has proved to be one of the ablest secretaries to Government and "New India" adds that if he has shown great independence of character in the Secretariat, he is not likely to become pliable is an office of far greater freedom and responsibility.

**Newspapers and the War.**

The Madras Administration Report for last year throws some remarkable light on the chequered history of newspapers in the Southern Presidency during the war. The outbreak of the war, it is stated, gave such an impetus to newspaper publishers in the Presidency that the number of papers leapt up at a bound from 117 to 212. "As the war continued, however," we are told, it became more and more difficult to elude the censors and to find sensational news to arouse the flagging interest of the readers; and thirty-seven papers soon ceased to exist. This is an instance at once of the pre-occupation of the official writers of reports with the doings of their own class and their failure generally to find out the true causes of things. Anyone but the writer of the Report would have found no difficulty in tracing the most probable cause of the discontinuance of the thirty-seven newspapers to the well-known and enormous rise in the price of paper and the consequent difficulty which established, let alone newly-started, newspapers have to contend with. As a Madras contemporary points out, the censor may sometimes have been a worry; but the paper-merchant has caused most conductors of newspapers very much more anxiety than the censor—whose eccentricities it may be added, more often excite amusement than worry.

**Vandalism in the U. P.**

One of the few good things that characterised Lord Curzon's Viceroyalty in India was the anxious solicitude he constantly displayed in restoring the ancient and historical monuments of the country from their sacriligous use as barracks, Government office stores, and godowns. More than this with his accustomed promptitude and energy he created the Archaeological Department for this among other objects. The Government have since then professed to follow the policy of restoring, conserving and protecting these monuments, though proofs are not wanting that the vestiges of the old policy of vandalism still linger. A fresh illustration of this fact is contained in the report of the Superintendent of Mahomedan and British monuments in the Northern circle. It was probably a happy chance that brought about that during the past year his department should have had in hand the repair and conservation of the tomb of Iftikar Khan in Chunar Fort, in the Mirzapur District of the United Provinces,—which had previously been in the occupation of the Opium Department.

**Defence of India Act in Bengal.**

Some light is thrown on the manner in which the Defence of India Act is enforced in Bengal by a petition which has been addressed by Nagendra Kumar Guha Roy, who has been interned in his own village, to the Hon. Mr. Cumming. The petitioner draws attention to the question that was put about him in the Bengal Legislative Council and to the reply given by the Hon. Mr. Kerr, the Chief Secretary to Government, who stated that an opportunity was given to the petitioner to submit an explanation and availed of by the petitioner. What this opportunity was is thus described by the petitioner:

"Mr. Bartley of the C. I. Department 'took down the antecedents of the petitioner and a short history of his past deeds and movements.' He was next asked whether he knew a number of suspects who were named. That was all.

The C. I. D. officer, it is alleged, took good care to see that the petitioner was not informed of the charges or allegations—if any,—against him, much less asked to explain them. One must suppose that either mere acquaintance with suspects or their names is an offence or that the C.I.D. officers are a law unto themselves.

## Official and Personal.

H. E. the Viceroy has received the following contributions for the war:—H. H. Gaekwar of Baroda Rs. 1,00,000; the Ruling Princes, Chiefs and People of Rajputana and Ajmer-Marwara Rs. 4,51,206; the Prime Minister and Nepal Government Rs. 3,00,000.

His Highness the Rao of Cutch has generously offered to defray the expenses of an Indian regiment at the front for a further period of one year. The offer has been accepted by his Excellency the Viceroy

Their Excellencies opened the Maharaja Gaekwad Officers Hospital, Malabar Hill, yesterday evening.

Afterwards his Excellency presided at the Administrative Committee Meeting of the Relief Fund at the Secretariat.

H. E. the Governor dined yesterday at the Orient Club with the Hon. Mr. M. B. Chaubal.

Nawabzada Abdul Karim Khan, M.A., (Oxon), youngest brother of H. H. the Nawab of Sachin recently passed the law finals at the Inns of Court, London, and is to be called to the bar on the 24th inst. Nawabzada Abdul Karim Khan went to England in 1903 and was educated at Hydneye House, Willingdon, and at Malvern and Ballioi. He is expected to return to India very shortly.

The ballot held on Wednesday in the rooms of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of electing a Chairman for the current year, resulted in the election of the Hon. Mr. Malcolm N. Hogg of Messrs. Forbes Forbes Campbell & Co., Limited.

The Hon. Sir Ibrahim Rahimtulla, Kt., will preside at the seventh anniversary of the Anjuman Taraqqi Talim, to be held at Amritsar on the 24th and 25th February, 1917.

In connection with the resolution moved by Dewan Bahadur Kesava Pillay in Madras Legislative Council, the following committee has been appointed to inspect the condition of free emigrants in Madras:—Mr. G. A. Natesan, Mr. M. A. Parthasarathy Iyengar and the Hon. Mr. Ahmed Thambi Marcair.

The death is announced of Nawab Sir Shahbaz Khan, the Bugti chief.

# DESPERATE STRUGGLE FOR GALATZ.

## SPLENDID STAND BY RUSSO-ROUMANIANS.

## BATTLE FOR GALATZ.

### SPLENDID STAND BY ROUMANIANS.

### FORCE OF GERMAN DRIVE NEARLY SPENT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.
Recd. 11-40 p.m., Jan. 17.

Yesterday's news from Roumania seems to show that the force of the German drive is nearly spent.

The Russians and Roumanians have been reinforced and are making a splendid stand on the Sereth line, regaining ground on their northern wing.

Hard fighting is in progress between Braila and Galatz which Mackensen is desperately striving to capture.

Fundeni where the Germans reported a strong Russian offensive is 30 miles west of Galatz.

### SEVEN MILES FROM GALATZ.

#### SERETH AND DANUBE BAR THE WAY.

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.
Recd. 2-20 p.m. Jan. 17.

General Mackensen's advance on Galatz is at present the most conspicuous feature of fighting in all the theatres. The German communiqué states that he has captured the village of Vadeni. This was the last place in the hands of the Russians and the Roumanians south of the Sereth but the notable successes achieved by the latter in the Moldavian highlands show that they are still very active west of the Sereth. Galatz is only seven miles from Vadeni and within gunfire but the Danube and the Sereth will have to be crossed before the enemy will be able to enter it. The whole ground is marshy and difficult. Though he has concentrated great forces for fifty miles along the right bank of the Sereth from its junction with the Danube, General Mackensen has still not attempted to assault the main Russian position on the Sereth, probably owing to the severity of the weather.

According to Petrograd reports the prisoners state that General Mackensen's troops are very fatigued and are ravaged by sickness and privations.

The lull in other theatres is more apparent than real. Most strenuous preparations are proceeding in the rear of all the main fronts for the resumption of operations on a grand scale as early as possible. Experts point out that the enemy may soon need all his resources for the West for a quick and powerful counter-offensive before the enemy has time to dig himself in, may still transform the whole Roumanian campaign.

### RUSSO-ROUMANIAN COUNTER OFFENSIVE.

#### ADVANCE OF TWO VERSTS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.
Recd. 8 a.m., Jan. 17.

A wireless Russian official communiqué says:—Southwards of Pralea the Russians and Roumanians advanced two versts.

The Roumanians beat back two night attacks southward of Rekosa on the Sushitza river. We bombed vessels in the Danube in the region of Brailov.

One of our submarines sank two ships near Bosphorus.

### GERMAN FAILURE IN CARSINO AND SUSITA VALLEYS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.
Recd. 2-30 p.m., Jan. 17.

A wireless German official statement says:—Hostile attacks between the Casino and Susita Valleys have been unsuccessful. A counterthrust drove back the Roumanians, who had penetrated at one point. Our curtain of fire broke down the strong Russian masses who had been repeatedly attacking on both sides of the Fundeni.

### REPORTED CAPTURE OF VADENI.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Jan. 17.

The Viceroy's war telegram from the Secretary of State, dated the 15th January, says:—

The enemy have made some progress in Valley Slanic north of Moldavia but the Roumanians have again pressed them back on the river Casin. The Russo-Roumanians after repelling several attacks were compelled to abandon the village of Cotul Mihalea on the south of Bannsereth. The Germans also claim the capture of Vadeni on the Braila-Galatz railway, three and a half miles south of the Sereth.

### RUSSIAN RAID ON ANATOLIAN COAST.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LAHORE, Jan. 17.

A "Civil and Military Gazette" special cable says:—

A Petrograd official message says that a Russian squadron on January 6th raided the Anatolian coast and sank 40 sailing ships laden with provisions.

### SWITZERLAND AND WAR.

#### THREE DIVISIONS TO MOBILISE.

#### AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

BERNE, Jan. 16.
Recd. 8 a.m., Jan. 17.

The Federal Council announces that it considers it necessary to take more extensive precautionary measures. Therefore it has ordered three Divisions to mobilise on the 24th instant, but declares that it remains fully confident regarding the intentions of the belligerents towards the neutrality of Switzerland.

### SWEDEN'S PREPAREDNESS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 17.
Recd. 7-45 p.m. Jan. 17.

At the opening of the Riksdag the speech from the Throne said special preparedness of land and sea forces must be maintained. Extraordinary measures were necessitated by the increase of war operations in Swedish territorial waters.

The budget was introduced. It included five million sterling for the army, two millions for the navy and two and a quarter millions to relieve dearness of living.

### POPE AND TEUTONS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LAHORE, Jan. 17.

A "Civil and Military Gazette" special cable says:—

The Central News Agency's Rome correspondent recently asked a high official at the Vatican to explain the apparent change in the attitude of the Holy See towards the war. The official denied any change and asserted that neutrality has been maintained. Nevertheless the Pope has been unable when examining the methods of the belligerents to avoid the conclusion, that the atrocious acts of the Teutons far exceed anything of which the Entente troops have been guilty.

### AMERICA AND BELGIAN DEPORTATIONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.
Recd. 7-45 p.m. Jan. 17.

Various religious bodies are petitioning Dr. Wilson to fix Washington's birthday, on February 22nd as a day of humiliation and national protest against the Belgian deportations.

### BRITISH LOAN IN U. S.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.
Recd. 7-45 p.m. Jan. 17.

A telegram from New York says it is reported that a new British loan of sixty million sterling is imminent.

### NEW WAR LOAN.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.
Recd. 11-40 p.m., Jan. 17.

The City Corporation is subscribing two millions to the War Loan.

### TRAVANCORE MONAZITE CONTROVERSY

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.
Recd. 11-40 p.m., Jan. 17.

The "Indiaman" publishes a long article on the Travancore monazite controversy, exonerating Holland.

### RIGA OFFENSIVE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LAHORE, Jan. 17.

A "Civil and Military Gazette" special cable says:—

More than one Petrograd correspondent regards the Riga offensive as ended.

### EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

#### ENEMY RETREAT TOWARD RUFIGI.

#### PLUCKY STAND BY PUNJABIS AND BALUCHIS,

(REUTER'S SPECIAL WAR SERVICE.)

LONDON, Jan. 15.
Recd. 2-20 p.m., Jan. 17.

Reuter's correspondent in East Africa wires:

After operations on January 1st the enemy, retreating towards the Rufigi, fought a series of rearguard actions, in the most stubborn of which Captain Selous was killed, while pluckily leading the Frontiersmen of the Royal Fusiliers.

After that action the enemy made no further stand north of the river and General Sheppard reached the north bank of the Rufigi on January 5th. The enemy took up position on the south bank opposite the old German bridge, evidently expecting us to repair it and cross. General Sheppard, however, crossed in boats higher up.

The enemy on the following night bombarded the boats and attacked the Punjabis and the Baluchis, who held on most pluckily till fresh ammunition had been sent up and then the enemy's fire died away, rapid and accurate fire of the South African artillery greatly assisting the holding of the crossing.

Meanwhile General Beves made a wide flanking movement westward, crossed the Rufigi just below its confluence with the Ruaha and proceeded to a post north of Mkalinho where he routed the enemy. The performance of General Sheppard's Brigade accorded with the highest traditions of the Indian Army while General Beves' march was a brilliant feat of endurance.

### GERMAN COMMANDER IN GREECE.

#### FALKENHAYN OR FALKENHAUSEN.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 16th Noon.
Recd. 2-30 p.m., Jan. 17.

A despatch from Salonika says that Falkenhayn has landed from a submarine somewhere on the Greek coast whence he proceeded to Larissa.

12-55 p.m.

It is possible that the French Headquarters, which report the arrival of Falkenhayn, are confusing him with Major Falkenhausen, the German Military Attache in Athens. The latter recently left but itis notorious that he has been in communication with Constantine by wireless. Indeed it was recently reported that he had eturned to Athens.

### WAR CABINET.

#### SERIES OF CONFERENCES WITH MILITARY HEADS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.
Recd. 1-15 p.m., Jan. 17.

A Press Bureau announces that Mr. Lloyd George and his colleagues in the War Cabinet held a series of important conferences with General Nivelle and Field Marshal Haig on Monday and Tuesday.

### MINING OPERATIONS ON ITALIAN FRONT.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.
Recd. 1-15 p.m., Jan. 17.

An Italian communiqué says:—

After long and difficult mining operations the enemy exploded a large mine under our positions on the southern slopes of Mount Pioculo Lagazno. Owing to counter-mining the tremendous explosion did not affect our troops. On the other hand, the collapse of the enemy's gallery caused him very numerous casualties.

### DEATH OF PREBENDARY MOSS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.
Recd. 11-40 p.m., Jan. 17.

The death is announced of Prebendary Moss of Hereford.

### ARTILLERY STRUGGLE ON WEST FRONT.

#### ENEMY RAID REPULSED AT GUEUDECOURT.

#### SUCCESSFUL FRENCH COUP-DE-MAIN.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.
Recd. 1-15 p.m., Jan. 17.

Field Marshal Haig last night reported:—The enemy attempted a raid north-east of Gueudecourt but were repulsed.

Hostile artillery has been active in the Beaumonthamel and Arras areas. Our trenchmortars destructively bombarded the enemy's front line northward of Monchy-au-Bois. We heavily shelled and greatly damaged the enemy's positions in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Comines canal.

LONDON, Jan. 17.
Recd. 1-15 p.m., Jan. 17.

Last night's French communiqué said:—Artillery struggle continued fairly briskly in the region of the Somme, on the north-eastern front at Verdun and in Lorraine. A successful *coup de main* was carried out against enemy trenches east of Vie-sur-Aisne.

### ENEMY COUP-DE-MAIN REPULSED ON SOMME.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.
Recd. 8 a.m., Jan. 17.

This afternoon's French communiqué says:—

The attempted enemy *coup-de-main* in the Somme region under cover of air-torpedo and gas-shell fire was easily repulsed. Our artillery replied vigorously.

### KAISER'S LETTER TO HOLLWEG.

#### WHEN WAS IT WRITTEN.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.
Recd. 11-40 p.m., Jan. 17.

Newspapers are of opinion that the Kaiser's letter to Bethmann-Hollweg, published yesterday, was written after the Allies had replied to the German peace offer and was intended to counteract the disastrous effect produced on neutrals by the outburst of fury in the Emperor's latest proclamation.

### THE SUBMARINED CORNWALLIS.

#### CREW ARRIVE AT MALTA.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

MALTA, Jan. 16.
Recd. 1-15 p.m., Jan. 17.

The crew of the Cornwallis have arrived here on destroyers. They state that the Cornwallis was struck aft off the stokehold and she floated for two hours, enabling all on board to be saved. Those who are missing perished in the explosion.

### STEAMERS SUNK.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.
Recd. 7-45 p.m. Jan. 17.

The steamer Brookwood (British) Thelma and Graafjeld (Norwegian) and Norma (Swedish) have been sunk.

### DEATH OF MAJOR DAWSON MORAY

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

MADRAS, Jan. 16.

Major A. S. Dawson Moray, of the Indian Ordnance Department left Madras on Saturday evening en route to Bolarum where he was to have sat on a court of enquiry regarding the equipment of one of the units stationed there. He was seen off at the central station by his wife and daughter and seemed to be in good health but was taken ill in the train early the following morning, and on arrival at Raichur shortly before 10 a.m. his condition was such that Captain Hingston, R.A.M.C., who was a fellow passenger, deemed it advisable that he should be removed from the train and attended to. He grew rapidly worse and died about 2 o'clock the same afternoon, death being due to heat apoplexy.

### GENERAL SMUTS IN WAR CONFERENCE.

#### VALUE OF HIS PRESENCE REALISED BY GOVERNMENT.

#### ELEVEN MONTHS' WORK IN EAST AFRICA REVIEWED.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, Jan. 16.
Recd. 8 a.m., Jan. 17.

A statement issued by the War Office says that the Secretary of State for War has instructed General Smuts to hand over his command as soon as the military situation permits. It is realised that the larger issues at stake and the value of General Smuts' presence at the War Conference are considerations which make his compliance with the wishes of the Union Government essential.

The military situation in East Africa is fortunately such as to make change in the command and some reorganisation comparatively simple and the steps contemplated would be taken very shortly in any case. The statement shows at length that in eleven months General Smuts has cleared the enemy from German East Africa except for a comparatively small and unimportant area. The enemy is now in reduced straits.

### KHEDGAON RAILWAY COLLISION.

#### DRIVER AND STATIONMASTER CHARGED.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

POONA, Jan. 16.

Before Mr. Frere, Assistant Collector, E. Devonport, Engine Driver and Krishnajee Yeswant, Assistant Stationmaster at Khaigaon, on the G. I. P. Railway, to-day appeared to answer a charge under section 101 of Railway Act of enadangering the safety of persons on a train.

The incident, which gave rise to the prosecution occurred on the 2nd December at 7 o'clock that morning. Devonport, who was the driver of a goods train ran into another goods train which was standing at Khedgaon Station.

Mr. T. W. Dracott, pleader, appeared on behalf of the driver, but the Assistant Stationmaster, who was undefended, asked for postponement in order to engage counsel. The case adjourned to the 15th February and will be heard at Khedgaon at which place the collision occurred and where the Assistant Collector will be on tour.

### EDUCATIONAL PROBLEM.

#### CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Jan. 17.

A conference will be held commencing on Monday, the 22nd instant of the Directors of Public Instruction from the various provinces and the proceedings which will be public, will be opened by his Excellency the Viceroy. The subjects which will be subsequently discussed include the respective claims of primary, secondary, and collegiate education, the training and pay of teachers, technical education and female education. The Conference will also discuss various other educational matters in sub-committees.

### PUNJABI DOUBLE COMPANY.

#### RECRUITING MEETING AT LAHORE.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

LAHORE, Jan. 16.

Another meeting to promote the cause of the Punjabi double company was held at the Bharat buildings under the presidency of Bakhshi Sohan Lal. The first recruit, a graduate, was produced before the gathering and was received with loud applause. A committee was formed with Mr. Shafi as President with the object of encouraging recruits to join in the double company.

### FIND OF PISTOL AND CARTRIDGES BY BENGAL C. I. D.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.

Recently the Bengal C.I.D., searched the house of a Bengali woman of the Birbhum town and recovered seven Mauser pistols and eleven hundred cartridges which were concealed in a box under the floor of her room. It is said that the arms and ammunition are a portion of those stolen from the firm, of Messrs. Rodda and Co., about a year ago. The woman and a youth were arrested.

### C. I. D. SEARCH IN POONA.

#### BENGALI STUDENTS' LODGE RAIDED

#### CORRESPONDENCE SEIZED.

A correspondent writes: A house-search was made early on Monday moring in the Bengali Lodge 184, Civil Lines, Poona by a Bengal C. I. D. Officer, assisted by the A. S. P. of Poona and the police.

The whole correspondence of a Bengali student of the Engineering College, who was afterwards taken away, was seized; a foolscap sheet containing press-extracts on the action of the C. P. Government in excluding Mrs. Besant was also taken away. No one knows the reason of the search. The residents of the Bengali Lodge are mostly the students of the Engineering College, who are admitted into the Engineering College after thorough enquiries into their conduct.

The police held a search warrant for house No. 104, Civil Lines, but insisted on searching 184 Civil Lines holding that their warrant directed them to search the residents of the Bengali Lodge. The Bengali students behaved in an excellent manner and entertained the C. I. D. Officer and the police to a sumptuous breakfast.

### MAHARAJA GAIKWAR WAR HOSPITAL.

#### OPENING CEREMONY.

H. H. the Maharaja Gaikwar has lent the use of Jaya Mahal, his palatial residence in Bombay, as an hospital for wounded officers and H. E. the Governor yesterday performed the opening ceremony of this hospital.

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon on arriving to perform the ceremony were received by Shrimant Sampantrao Gaikwar, brother to H. H. the Maharaja Gaikwar, and by General Knight, Commanding the Bombay Brigade. His Excellency opened the main door of the hospital, after which T. E. Lord and Lady Willingdon and the large number of leading citizens that had assembled there for the occasion entered the building and had a view of the hospital. Their Excellencies went round the building and left after over half an hour's inspection. Among those prseent on the occasion were:

Shrimant Sampatrao Gaikwar of Baroda, K. S. Vijayrajji of Cutch, the Hon. Mr. M. B. Chaubal, the Hon. Mr. G. Carmichael, Brigadier-General Knight, Sir S. B. Broacha, Mr. J. A. D. McBain, Mr. P. R. Cadell, the Hon. Mr P. C. Sethna, Mr. J. E. Jackson, Major H. A. L. Hepper, Col. Dixon, Mr. W. C. Shepherd, Mr. F. J. Clark, Mr. H. Clarke and others.

### BOMBAY BANKING CO.

#### CHARGE AGAINST POONA AGENTS

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

POONA, Jan. 17.

The hearing of the case in which Hivaragaonker and Gharpure, Poona Agents of the Bombay Banking Company, stand charged with Prabhakar Govind Vaidya, Director of the Bombay Branch, is proceeding before Mr. Shalom Bapuji Israel, Frst Class Magistrate.

Shankar Raoji Sathe, private clerk to accused No. 3, described how he came to Poona on the 8th November, 1913, at 2 a.m., and going to the huts in which Hivargaonker and Gharpure were living on account of plague, told them that Vaidya had sent him to get the bank's closing balance from them. That was a month after the bank had closed. They handed him Rs. 3,000 without his showing them any written orders nor did they ask him for a receipt. Under Vaidya's instructions he took Rs. 3,000 to Bombay and handed the sum over to Kothavale, the other convicted accused. He asked Kothavale for receipt but the latter did not give him one. Six days later he wrote to the accused in Poona telling them to obtain Kothavale's acknowledgement. That was the only occasion on which he had done any work for the bank. He later on learned that Kothavale had not credited the money he brought him to the bank.

Professor Panse, of Fergusson College, Poona examined by Khan Bahadur Davar said that 8 or 10 days before the bank failed he was told by Messrs. Apte and Bhat, pleaders, that the bank was tottering and he should withdraw his money. On this he went to see the two accused who told him their business in hundies was in a flourishing condition and the rumours were spread through jealousy. Witness had left his deposit in the bank and lost it all.

### IMPERIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

DELHI, Jan. 17.

The Imperial Legislative Council will meet on the 7th February and thereafter on the 8th, 9th, and 16th, the dates being provisional Messers. Monahan and Walsh have been appointed additional members.

Rao Saheb M. Rama Rao, late of the Madras service, has been appointed Special Forest Officer for investigation and development of forest industries in the Mysore State.

# AHMEDABAD CONFERENCE.

## INTERFERENCE BY THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE.

## APPLICATION TO THE HIGH COURT.

(*Before Justices Batchelor and Shah.*)

JIVANLAL V. DESAI AND KRISHNALAL N. DESAI, SECRETARIES OF THE 16TH BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE VS. THE KING-EMPEROR.

This was a criminal application for revision against the order of the District Magistrate of Ahmedabad.

The facts are briefly these:—

That the petitioners were appointed to act as the General-Secretaries of the 16th Bombay Provincial Conference along with others, and were so acting in October 1916. The days fixed for the sittings of the 16th Bombay Provincial Conference were the 21st and 22nd October.

That on account of the District Superintendent of Police at Ahmedabad having considered it his privilege under the law, to secure seats for three reporters alleged to have been deputed by the C.I.D. to attend the sittings of the Conference as such reporters and at such place as he or his subordinates considered most suitable for the purpose, and as the organizers of the Conference doubted the existence of *such* privilege to insist upon particular seats being given to the reporters as such reporters, the District Superintendent of Police addressed to one of the petitioners the following letter:—

From,
R. R. BOYD, Esquire,
District Superintendent of Police,
AHMEDABAD.

To,
KRISHNALAL NARSILAL DESAI, Esq., M.A., LL.B.,
(for General Secretaries, XVI Provincial Conference) Ahmedabad.
20th October, 1916.

Sir,—It is reported to me that some difficulties are being raised about providing suitable accommodation and facilities for the three reporters deputed by the C. I. D. to attend the sittings of the Provincial Conference on the 21st and 22nd instant. I had wished to arrange this matter unofficially and was prepared to pay for their seats, but as to desire is not being met in the accommodating spirit that I had hoped for and as I learn that the seats obtainable on payment are unsuitably situated I must now request you to make the necessary arrangements for the accommodation for the three reporters referred to at "three" adjoining seats at the Reporter's Table and to issue passes on their behalf to me this evening.

I have the honour, etc.

That in reply to the above letter one of the Secretaries wrote to the District Superintendent of Police a letter on the same date informing him on behalf of the Executive Committee that the request made by him to provide accommodation for the C.I.D. reporters *as such* was of a character which the Provincial Conference could not with self-respect respond to, and intimating his inability to make the specific arrangements referred to in the District Superintendent of Police's letter under reply.

The following is the letter:—

From,
KRISHNALAL N. DESAI,
Secretary, Correspondence Committee,
16th Bombay Provincial Conference.

To,
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
AHMEDABAD.
AHMEDABAD, 20th Oct.,, 1916.

Sir,—In reply to your letter No. 5297 of 1916, dated 20th October, 1916, I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Conference to inform you that your request to provide accommodation for the C. I. D. Reporters as such is of a character which the Provincial Conference cannot possibly with self-respect respond to. They regret they cannot recognize the admission of the C. I. D. Reporters in the Pandal much less can they make the specific arrangements referred to in your letter under reply.—I have the honour, etc.

That on the 21st of October 1916, i.e., on the date on which the Conference was announced to commence its sittings, at 10-45 a.m., i.e., about an hour before the appointed time the following letter was addressed by the District Magistrate of Ahmedabad to one of your Lordships' petitioners.

From,
THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
AHMEDABAD.

To,
JIVANLAL V. DESAI, Esq.,
B.A., Bar.-at-Law,
General Secretary, XVI Provincial Conference.
AHMEDABAD, 20th Oct., 1916.

Sir,—I am informed by the District Superintendent of Police, Ahmedabad, that the Executive Committee of the Conference have definitely refused either to admit the C. I. D. Reporters to the Pandal of the Conference or to provide suitable accommodation for them. Please see the letter, dated 20th instant, from Mr. Krishnalal N. Desai, Secretary Correspondence Committee, addressed to the District Superintendent of Police, on the subject.

I have seen the correspondence which proceeded between the D. S. P. and Mr. Krshnalal and am at a loss to understand why the Executive Committee have adopted this attitude in view of the fact that the C. I. D. Reporters were present at the Conference at Belgaum and Ahmednagar.

(2) In view of the right that Government has to make arrangements for the reporting by their own Reporters of all speeches and proceedings at a public Conference, I must now insist that your Executive Committee not only offer no further obstruction to the admission of the C. I. D. Reporters to the Pandal, but that the Executive Committee must either provide or allow the provision of accommodation for these C. I. D. Reporters in such place and manner as to allow the full and proper reporting of all proceedings.

(3) I shall await the answer of your Executive Committee up to 11-30 a.m. to-day at the Shahi Bag, and failing intimation from you by that time that your Executive Committee are ready to comply with the directions obtained in para. 2 above I shall be reluctantly compelled under the powers vested in me by law to take such action as I deem fit.

I have the honour, etc.

The assumptions underlying the tone of the above letter were, (1) that the Executive Committee had definitely refused to admit the C. I. D. reporters to the Pandal and (2) that the Executive Committee had also offered some obstruction to their admission to the Conference Pandal. The letter accordingly directed that the Committee should not only offer no *further* obstruction to the admission of the C.I.D. reporters to the Pandal but should also provide accommodation for them in such place and manner as to allow the full and proper reporting of all proceedings. The letter concluded with a threat that a non-complaince with the directions contained therein would result in the taking of action "under the powers vested by law" in the District Magistrate.

That the petitioners having no time to convene a meeting of the Executive Committee wrote back a reply, protesting in respectful terms against the assumptions erroneously made in the letter and asking for information as regards the specific provisions of the law under which the right referred to in the District Magistrate's letter under reply was claimed.

The following is the letter:—

From,
GENERAL SECRETARY,
16th Bombay Provincial Conference.

To,
THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE.
AHMEDABAD, Oct. 21.

Sir,—With regard to your letter of the 21st October, 1916, which was delivered to me at 10-45 a.m., I found it impossible to call a meeting of the Executive Committee to give you a reply by 11-30 a.m. to-day as required by you. I may however point out that it is not correct to say that the Executive Committee have refused to admit the C. I. D. Reporters if they choose to come in as members of the public on payment of tickets. It is also incorrect to say that any obstruction is offered or is intended to be offered if they choose to come in as members of the public.

Further with reference to the statement in your letter that the Government has the right to make arrangements for the reporting by their own reporters of all speeches of proceedings at Public Conferences I shall thank you to let me know under what law such right is claimed and I will place the matter before the Executive Committee as soon as I can and communicate to you their decision. As General Secretary I may assure you that there is every desire on the part of the Executive Committee to do everything which conform to the law and they will be quite prepared to accede to any requisition that may be open to you in law to make.

With reference to your statement regarding the presence of C. I. D. Reporters at the Belgaum and Ahmednagar Conferences, I do not know under what circumstances they were present and I have no means of ascertaining the facts in that connection.—I have the honour, etc.

P. S.—In reference to your letter serving the order on me I am writing you another letter.

That before this letter was despatched the petitioner No. 1 was served with an order purporting to have been issued by the learned District Magistrate under clause M of section 39 of Bombay Act IV of 1890.

The following is the copy of the aforesaid Order:—

From,
THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
AHMEDABAD.

To,
JIVANLAL V. DESAI, Esq., B.A. Bar-at-Law, General Secretary, 16th Bombay Provincial Conference.
21st October, 1916,

Sir,—With reference to my previous letter of to-day's date. I have the honour to send herewith an order under Section 39, Clause M. of Bombay Act IV of 1890 for complaince.—I have the honour, etc.

Order Under Section 39, Clause M. of Bombay Act IV of 1890.

In view of the refusal of the Executive Committee of the XVI Bombay Provincial Conference, Ahmedabad, to admit the reporters of the C. I. D. to the 'pandal,' and of the general right of Government to ensure by its Police Officers the decent and orderly conduct of proceedings in public meetings, I hereby order the Executive Committee of the above-mentioned Conference to admit the C. I. D. reporters and other Police Officers to the Conference 'pandal' throughout the duration of the Conference, and offer no obstruction to them in the execution of their duties.

R. G. GIBSON,
District Magistrate, Ahmedabad.

The service of the order necessitated a postscript in the petitioner's letter dated the 21st October and a detailed reply was sent thereto by the petitioner No. 1 on the 22nd of October, 1916, after the matter was placed before the Executive Committee.

The following is the reply:—

To,
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
AHMEDABAD.

From,
JIVANLAL V. DESAI, Esq., B.A. Bar-at-Law, General Secretary, 16th Bombay Provincial Conference.
22nd October.

Sir,—I have now been able to place before the Executive Committee your letter dated yesterday and my reply thereto as well as your subsequent letter of the same date enclosing an order under section 39, cl. M. of Bombay Act IV of 1850. I am directed by the Executive Committee to point out that at no time have they refused admission to the reporters of the C. I. D. or offered obstruction to their coming in the pandal, if they did so in the usual manner provided for the admission of the public into the pandal, and the statement to the contrary contained in your letter and repeated in the order is not correct. I am further directed to point out that at no stage prior to the serving of the said order was there the slightest suggestion that the decent and orderly conduct of the proceedings of the Conference called for the presence of any Police Officer in the pandal, and further, as far as the Executive Committee are aware, there has not been the slightest ground for the apprehension that the proceedings will be conducted otherwise than in a decent and orderly manner. In no event however can it be said that the presence of the C. I. D. reporters was necessary for that purpose. My Committee cannot help saying that they feel that the suggestion about the necessity of Police officers for purpose aforesaid is an afterthought and resorted to with a view to get the C. I. D., reporters as such admitted into the pandal, which otherwise would not have been open to you in law to secure.

Although the Committee considered this order to be illegal and unlawful they have under protest complied with it, but they reserve to themselves the right to take such actions in the matter as they will be advised.—I have the honour, etc.

That the petitioners feel aggrived by the order of the learned District Magistrate dated 21st October, 1916, purporting to have been issued under clause M. of section 39 of Bombay Act IV of 1890, and beg to apply against the same to your Lordships.

It was contended that the order applied against was contrary to law and not warranted by the provisions of clause M of section 39 of Bombay Act IV of 1890. The District Magistrate had no jurisdiction to make the order complained of. The order was illegal as it proceeded upon the erroneous assumptions that the Government had a general right to ensure by its police officers the decent and orderly conduct of proceedings in public meetings; that the executive committee of the Conferance had refused to admit the reporters to the Pandal, that any question had prior to its date, arisen about the admission of any "other police officers" to the Conference Pandal and that prior to the date of the order any obstruction was threatened to be caused to "the C.I.D. reporters or other police officers" in the execution of their duties. The District Magistrate overlooked the fact that section 39 clause M. did not in terms apply and could never have been contemplated by the legislature to apply to circumstances such as the present, so as to entitle him to pass the order that he did.

APPLICATION REJECTED.

Justice Batchelor in rejecting the petition observed:—

"The applicants here are the General Secretaries of the 16th Bombay Provincial Conference and they complain of an order made on the 21st October last by the District Magistrate of Ahmedabad. That order purports *ex-facie* to be made under section 39 clause (m) of the Bombay District Police Act IV of 1890 and it directs the Executive Committee of the Conference to admit certain reporters of the Criminal Investigation Department and other Police officers to the Conference Pandal throughout the duration of the Conference and to offer no obstruction to these officers in the executive of their duties.

"It is contended that the order does not fall within the powers conferred upon the District Magistrate under section 39 clause (m) of the District Police Act. Assuming that to be, so the order is in my opinion none the less an executive order with which we are not entitled to interfere. It is to my mind clear from the papers that the order in question was made by the District Magistrate as Head of the Police and is in no sense an order made by an inferior Criminal Court within the meaning of that phrase as used in section 435 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

"On this ground I think the application fails and should be rejected.

The Hon. Mr. C. H. Setalwad with Mr. G. N. Thakore appeared for the applicants.

# SIR CHARLES MONRO IN BOMBAY

## An interesting Group at Government House.

*Photo by Bourne and Shepherd*

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT.—H. E. LORD WILLINGDON, LADY MONRO, H. E. LADY WILLINGDON AND H. E. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

# WEDDING IN BOMBAY.

## RUSSELL—HANSON.

The wedding took place at the St. Thomas Cathedral yesterday, between Mr. Thomas Brian Russell of the Indian Civil Service and Miss Beryl Evid Hanson, daughter of Mr. F. W. Hanson, General Traffic Manager of the B. B. & C. I. Railway, the Reverend Arnould officiating. There was a large number of friends present.

The bride who looked charming in her dress of minon white lace and train of brocade, was given away by her father. Miss Beatrice Bernard, Miss Betty Jackson and Miss Nora Duphne Maryat, the bride's-maids were all in dresses of white net with blue ribbons and pink roses. The Best Man was Mr. W. P. Peachy.

The bridegroom's present to the bride consisted of a good and platinum bracelet, studded with sapphires and diamonds, while the bride's present to the bridegroom was a fitted suit case.

Subsequently a reception was held at the Taj Mahal Hotel where under the able supervision of Mr. Chas. Stengler, the Manager of the Hotel, everything passed off very successfully.

# FIRE IN THE GODOWN OF A JUTE PRESS.

## ESTIMATED LOSS OF 3½ LAKHS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.

A fire broke out in a godown of the Bengal Hydraulic Press yesterday at Cossipore. The godown measured two hundred and seventy-five ft. by seventy-five and about six thousand bales and a large quantity of loose jute were there at the time of the outbreak of the fire. After seven hours' struggle the fire brigade were able to bring the fire under control. The loss is estimated at three and a half lakhs. The cause of the fire is not known.

# INDUSTRIES COMMISSION.

## WANTED MORE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

(From our Correspondent.)

CALCUTTA, Jan. 16.

At the resumed sitting of the Industrial Commission this morning Mr. M. S. Das, of Cuttack, was the first witness.

With reference to the question of breaking down the German monopoly in tanning Mr. Das said the difficulties in India were that they could not utilise all the hides available. Germany used hides for many purposes. Hitherto in India hides were used for footwear and saddlery. There was no variety of demand in Inida as in Germany. He had difficulty in financing his tannery to work to its full capacity. He did not apply to any bank because he knew he would not get the money. They had no bank in Orissa. He urged Government help in the direction of obtaining money facilities from banks.

Replying further to Mr. Law he said boys sent to America and Europe for scientific training were not of much use. The great difficulty was that they did not get shop experience in those countries. They did not know it might be due to the fact that they were not admitted into places where they could have practical experience. Witness endorsed Sir Thomas Holland's suggestion that the system of sending young men abroad for scientific training would be successful if supplimented by sympathetic practical training.

To Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya he said there was great need for establishing good scientific schools with workshops attached.

Mr. G. Findlay Shirras, Director of Statistics, Government of India was next examined.

Mr. Shirras submitted a note on exhibitions and said since the outbreak of war the Board of Trade had instituted exhibitions of fairs to promote special trades which had been remarkably successful and which migh with advantage be adopted in this country. The one point connected with these exhibitions which was worthy of imitation, was the success of the Board of Trade in familiarising manufacturers and exporters with German and Austrian methods of advertising. The Board had recently made a collection of about 7,200 specimen catalogues of German and 185 Austrian origin which was of special interest to trade.

To Pandit Malaviya he said he would advocate the appointment of a trade commissioner at first in the United Kingdom and then they might extend the number of appointments to other countries.

The Commission adojourned till tomorrow.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.

The Hon. Mr. W. A. Ironside, partner, Bird & Co., Calcutta, giving evidence before the Industrial Commission this morning, said the finance of industrial enterprises presented little difficulty. He was opposed to the idea of Government giving financial aid to industries. If a scheme was really valuable it should be worthy of complete public support or none.

In reply to the President he said he was not aware of any British Board of Directors refusing to transfer shares to Indians.

Answering another question he said he had been Director of the Bank of Bengal since last year and he was not aware of the bank refusing to accommodate Indian applicants for loans because they were Indians. He knew a good many Europeans were turned away and so also Indians.

# ALL-INDIA WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

CALCUTTA, Jan. 17.

With a view to give fresh impetus to Indian wrestling, the Nawab Bahadur of Murshidabad aided by Maharaja Sir Prodyot Tagore and the Maharajadhiraj of Burdwan inaugurated the All-India Wrestling Tournament on the Maidan here yesterday afternoon. The tournament will last for five consecutive days, his Excellency, the Governor attending on the 19th. Attendance to-day in the tent was large. Altogether six bouts of wrestling were witnessed.

In the first, Meher Singh after 15 minutes' struggle defeated Sohan.

In the second, Muhammaddin beat Rajab in a couple of minutes. It was a case of skill versus strength and the former predominated.

The match between Boota and Zehari was a very exciting one. After keen contest of twenty minutes Boota won.

In the fourth encounter Golam Moijuddin easily disposed of his opponent Ganga Singh.

The fifth contest between Luchhi and Gulloo ended in a draw.

In the last, Fuzza by sheer strength and weight defeated Ram Singh in a minute's time. This tournament is being run under catch-as-catch-can rules.

# THE CORPORATION AND PRIMARY EDUCATION.

## I.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE CHRONICLE."

Sir,—Your correspondent is wrong in assuming that I have confounded the two budgets. In the first place there is no such fund as "the school fund." It was abolished by Law in 1907. There is only one fund "the municipal fund." There is no "statutory balance" required by the Municipal Act so far as the grant to the Schools Committee is concerned. Upon what grounds does your correspondent base his statement that the complaints of the Standing Committee did not refer to the "school fund budgets, but to the Schools Committee office budget"? These are the words of the Standing Committee:—"It may be mentioned that the Schools Committee have applied for an increase of Rs. 1,25,000 in the grant for Primary education, and that they were also asked for a permission for an additional clerk, and a lump provision of Rs. 600 for the revision of salaries of the office staff. No particulars have been given. Nevertheless the Standing Committee have provided for an increase of Rs one lakh in the grant for Primary education and have also provided for an additional clerk to cope with the increased work." This means, if words have any meaning, that although no particulars were given, they nevertheless made a provision, inter alia, of one lakh of rupees for Primary education,—the old school fund and not merely office staff. Regarding the office staff the Standing Committee say:—"They could not, however, see their way to provide for any increase in the salaries of the Schools Committee's staff as no particulars were given for a revision of the schedule so soon after its recent revision in the year 1913-14." The "particulars" here evidently mean the grounds and reasons for revision and not budget details.

Your correspondent laments that the Schools Committee will have to "cancel some items of the improvement programme it had in view." There is no reason to do so for they are not bound to keep any balance in hand. They have, therefore, enough. Moreover, they can come for additional grants when they have formulated a more definite programme with definite proposals than the general statements which pass for "particulars" in your correspondent's letter. Moreover, if the Schools Committee have really a well-reasoned practical programme in hand, which they can confidently execute, their duty is not to acquiesce in the decision of the Commissioner or the Standing Committee, but to come to the Corporation who are the final arbiters. The way to do it is to move amendments to the proposals of the Standing Committee. No member of the Schools Committee has done so? This indicates either satisfaction with the provision made by the Standing Committee or indifference. How can any one expect the Corporation to increase the grants when such is the attitude of the Schools Committee? Nevertheless, if at the end of the year, any one should blame the Committee for not proceeding with greater speed they will blame the Corporation as they did last June.—Yours, etc.

JOSEPH BAPTISTA.

Bombay, 17th January, 1917.

## II.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CHRONICLE."

Sir,—When I posted the letter I sent to you this morning I had not read your "Notes" on elementary education, wherein you say I was subjected to "a somewhat severe handling" in June last. I enjoy severe handling. But how can any one truthfully say I was severely handled when not a single statement of mine was challenged barring the figure of 112,000 pupils? As a matter of fact on that occasion *before* the debate was over, or rather *during* the debate you were loud in praises of the case made by Mr. Setalvad in your editorial and yet my motion was lost by one or two votes in spite of all the members of the Schools Committee voting against me, and one gentleman by mistake voted against me believing he was voting for my proposition. My complaint now is that the cause of primary education suffers by loose handling of statistics. The figure of 112,000 was furnished by the Schools Committee to a Committee appointed by Government to promote the cause of primary education with due responsibility and after careful consideration. To cast it overboard in order to make out a case for the work of the Schools Committee does not inspire confidence. No wonder some statistician once said that the superlative of "bad" was "statistics." His opinion would be confirmed by the way you deduct 10,000 from the number of school-going children on the ground that parents will not let them go to school. Why 10,000? Why not 30,000? I cannot accept this method of dealing with figures. Again, your balance of 38,293 is arrived at by taking into account 2,500 children in unaided schools, which are worse than no schools. I said the existence of these schools should be ignored in all reasonable calculation. If this were done there would be a balance of 45,795 and not 38,293. If this can be called "arbitrary calculation" I have no objection but my figures must read as follows:—

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| Municipal Schools ..... | 21,669 |
| Aided Schools ..... | 15,536 |
| Total | 37,205 |

Deduct this from 83,000 and you get 45,795. Assuming this remains stationary it will take 30 years before all these are in school. What we must remember is that it is obligatory on the Corporation to maintain schools for primary education; the Corporation must not rely on relief from private efforts. The reduced rate of progress in private schools viz 8 per cent indicates not much relief can be expected in this direction, and the relief is counterbalanced by the usual increase in the number of school-going children due to increased

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population. According to the census of 1911 there were 142,139 children between the age of 5-15, i.e. inclusive of 5 but exclusive of 15. How have you arrived at the figure of 83,000 for the school-going age of 6-12 inclusive? I suppose it is mere guess-work, for 7/10 of 142,139 gives 99,500, i.e. 16,500 more than your figure. Is this the right way of handling figures in the important question of primary education?

As for the "irrelevant criticism" dealt with by your correspondent my letter of this morning will explain how far it is irrelevant. What I wish to insist is that the Schools Committee have no justification to shelter themselves behind the excuse of want of funds.—Yours, etc.

JOSEPH BAPTISTA.

Bombay, 17th January, 1917.

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# BANDRA MUNICIPALITY.

## CHIEF OFFICER'S APPOINTMENT.

## LEGALITY QUESTIONED.

The last general meeting of the Municipal Board was held in the Bandra Town, Dr. D. A. D'Monte, presiding.

Mr. Rajaram Tukaram moved that the Resolution of the last General Board regarding the appointment of the Chief Officer was illegal and *ultra vires* and therefore the said appointment be advertised immediately without delay as required under the Rules.

The Hon. Mr. Patel:—In seconding this I should strongly deprecate the action of the President who has misrepresented to the Collector and Commissioner in a covering letter forwarding my amendment adopted by this Board on the last occasion regarding this appointment. The President unfortunately goes out of his way and writes to the Collector that this Municipality would like Mr. Rubben, whose name was proposed by the late Dr. Dadina, to be appointed as a Chief Officer, even though the Board had negatived this proposal. This is a procedure I think, the President should never have adopted in the face of my amendment.

President:—I would like to explain that I meant nothing else by writing to the Collector except that it was my personal desire that Mr. Ruben should be appointed as Chief Officer.

Mr. Pandurang Patel proposed that Mr. Radcliffe be appointed member of the Managing Committee vice Mr. Rajaram, who had refused to serve on the Committee. This was carried.

Mr. Radcliffe proposed and Mr. Rajaram seconded that a water-pump be immediately installed for Bandra Hill.

Mr. Ig. D'Monte objected for want of provision and said that it would be useless to waste money like this.

Mr. Rajaram pointed out that in absence of any provision the charge could be met by reappropriation from other sources. This was unanimously carried.

Mr. Radcliffe next moved that a special Committee be formed consisting of the Hon. Mr. Patel, Messrs. Rajaram Tukaram, Ig. D'Monte, Dr. Vieana and an outside preferably Mr. Ratnagar, who takes a very keen interest in our Municipal affairs with himself as Chairman to report successively on (a) water-supply, (b) lighting, (c) finance (d) roads, etc. and (e) sanitation.

Mr. Radcliffe said that the question of water-supply was a crying evil in Bandra at the present moment and up to now nothing seemed to have been done to improve the bad and unwholesome quality of water that is supplied to the public and as regards the roads, lighting and sanitation, he said that these were quite in the worst condition possible and therefore needed thorough overhauling. Besides my object in joining this Municipality was to see that all factions and party feelings were set aside in the interest of the public. Mr. Pandurang Patel seconded.

Mr. Ig. D'Monte proposed Mr. Cowan seconded that the bye-laws be passed and forwarded to Government through the Collector for sanction.

Mr. Rajaram in objecting to the bye-laws being forwarded to the Collector said that these Rules were simply copied word for word from certain books of other bodies which were quite unsuitable for Bandra, as a representative of the ratepapers he strongly objected to this method of compiling the bye-laws in a haphazard manner which would prove unworkable and detrimental to the interest of the ratepayers. It is a fact that Rs. 400 had been spent over the preparation of the bye-laws last time, and they were found unworkable now and this was another repetation of the same offence; nobody on this Board he thought had a right to waste public money in this way.

Mr. Vimadalal said that as the Rules and Bye-laws Commitee have proved a failure another Committee be appointed. After some further discussion Mr. Rajaram's amendment was carried.

### INCREASED ASSESSMENT.

Mr. Radcliffe proposed and Ig. D'Monte seconded that the President be empowered to explain and ask the Collector to extend the time for further consideration of the matter.

The Hon. Mr. Patel:—Mr. President you have no right and you cannot put off Commissioner's and Collectors letters in this manner, the matter should therefore be referred to the Special Committee for immediate action.

### LIGHTING BANDRA BY GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Mr. Radcliffe proposed that the President be empowered to enter into negotiations with both the Gas and Electric Companies regarding the working arrangements of lighting Bandra by them.

Dr. Consecao in seconding this observed that he had misgivings whether it would be safe from a legal point of view to enter into negotiations straight off without obtaining lawyers advice.

The Hon. Mr. Patel:—It is quite absurd on the part of the President to take things so lightly in this case. Mr. President you must bear in mind that the Bombay Gas Company has from a legal point of view a strong case against this Municipality I therefore warn you that the Bombay Gas Company cannot be trifled with as an ordinary rate-payer of Bandra. You must remember that the Gas Company is prepared to fight out this Municipality to the bitter end at any stake and this Municipality is not in such a flourishing financial condition as to meet with an opponent of of the type of the Gas Company. I therefore propose that the matter be referred to some leading attorneys for their opinions.

President: Whom do you wish to propose?

The Hon. Mr. Patel: Messrs. Daphtary and Ferreira if you don't mind.

President: Don't get into personalities.

The Hon. Mr. Patel: Oh! I am so sorry. You can suggest any other name then.

Mr. Vimadalal: If the Board has no objection our firm would take up this matter. This was carried.

### A TRUMPERY CASE.

The President asked the Board to sanction the prosecution of Mr. J. L. Fernandes.

The Hon. Mr. Patel: Mr. President, I am surprised at your dealings on this Board in this particular case. Last time this question was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Vimadalal, Pandurang Patel, Veveina and myself. Suddenly the papers were called back from Mr. Vimadalal and sent to the Collector under a covering letter asking him to instruct the Government Pleader to file a complaint against Mr. Fernandes without any consideration whether the case would be tenable or not.

The President: I simply did this because both the Collector and Commissioner when in Bandra had pointedly asked me to prosecute the parties.

The Hon. Mr. Patel: Mr. President, you are here to carry out our orders and not the Collector's and Commissioner's in matters like this. The Collector is not a lawyer. In face of this the President goes out of his way and writes to the Collector that the General Board had no powers in this matter, but Mr. President I beg your pardon, you are wrong. The General Board can set aside any Committee's orders. This is the state of things! You have no right to waste public money by engaging the services of a Government Pleader costing Rs. 75 per diem over a trumpery case like this; this is a most scandalous waste of public money the President is attempting. I am sure you would not throw away your money in this way. You have no right if on grounds of personal motives to start correspondence with the Collector when the General Board resolution was existing, simply because the Sanitary Committee was over anxious to prosecute the man.

Mr. Pandurang Patel said that the President had made a serious mistake and his action was illegal. The General Board was superior to the Sanitary or any other Committee.

President: I am very sorry, I felt it was necessary to please the Collector, and now I agree with the Hon. Mr. Patel that it would be wasting public money. And that the original resolution be referred to the Special Committee for their opinion.

The Hon. Mr. Patel: Very well, I was going to move a vote of censure against the President's conduct in this matter, but I withdraw as he has expressed regret.

The Board then adjourned.

# DEWAN BAHADUR RAJAGOPALACHARIAR'S APPOINTMEMT.

## MADRAS PRESS COMMENTS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
MADRAS, Jan. 16.

Commenting on the appointment of Dewan Bahadur Raja Gopalacharia, C.I.E., to be a member of the Executive Council in succession to Sir P. S. Sivaswami Iyer, the "Madras Mail" says:—He comes to this high position with a thorough knowledge to what administration means and his sound judgment should be very useful his colleagues in the Government.

"New India" says:—"But for the fact that he is an official, and the Indian public earnestly desires that this post shall fall to a non-official, the choice is a good one." The paper adds that he is a man of great independence of character and if he has shown this as an official, he is not likely to become pliable in an office of for greater freedom and greater responsibility.

The "Hindu" says:—Mr. Rajagopalachariar is a man of great abilities, vast experience, ripe judgment and sturdy independence. He has proved to be one of the ablest Secretaries to the Government and his unrivalled knowledge of men and administrative affairs and phenomenally quick powers of comprehension have enabled him to obtain a great measure of success."

The "Indian Patriot" says: "It is a most popular appointment that could have been made and it is also most deserving."

The "Swadesamitran" says:—"He is eminently fitted for the high post he is called upon to fill by virtue of his long and meritorious service in British and Feudatory India and observes that his knowledge of the Scottish educational system would stand him in good stead as a member in charge of the Education portfolio."

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# FRANCE'S DEFENCE.

## MASTER-ENGINEERING WORK.

## WONDERFUL MECHANICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

**How scientific engineering methods have been developed on the forest front of the French army in the Argonne, and around Verdun, where the steam engine has strengthened the haphazard means of communication, is indicated in the following dispatch from Mr. G. H. Perris, Special Correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle," who has been visiting the foremost lines of the French central armies.**

I have just completed a week's journey, by car and on foot, within the zone of the French central armies—in course of which I have been enabled to examine closely the foremost lines, as well as the multifarious activities in the immediate rear of the front. This area contains sectors of very varied interest, some of them long, quiet and little known to the British reader; others of world-wide fame, all destined to shine in history for the high deeds and the pitiful sufferings they have witnessed.

On the west lies the Forest of the Argonne that curious hump of thickly-wooded hills 30 miles long from north to south and less than 10 miles broad, which has always been an important bulwark of the French eastern defences, a wall against the invader secondary to the more formidable obstacle of the Meuse Heights.

### MARNE'S DOUBLE PIVOT.

Next eastward comes the great bastion of Verdun, which carries us well beyond the Meuse and over its double line of hills. The front then runs back to the river to form the German wedge whose point is at St. Mihiel, one of the most curious formations of the war, with fiery spots like Les Eparges and Fort Troyon on its northern side, and on its southern the battlefields of Apremont Forest and Bois le Pretre.

Finally, near Pont-a-Mousson, we turn southward beside the old Lorraine frontier, around the crescent of hills called the Grand Couronne of Nancy.

Verdun and Nancy constituted the double pivot upon which the strategical retreat and the triumph of the Marne were based. We all know what the army of Verdun has since accomplished; we do not realise equally well the great part played since the beginning of the war by the armies of Lorraine.

### HEAVY SHELLS ON NANCY.

The Germans have three or four of their biggest guns posted on the frontier northeast of Nancy, and every now and then they amuse themselves by throwing few heavy shells into one of the most beautiful cities of Europe. They destroy a few houses, plough holes in the parks and squares, kill or injure a few old men, women and children.

The last performance of the kind took place last Saturday night. The citizens were so little dismayed that they turned up in force at the town hall on Sunday afternoon to hear a lecture by M. Rene Benjamin (a novelist whose talent the war has revealed) on the British military effort in France.

It is a barbarous pastime, this promiscuous throwing of shells and bombs; for Nancy is an open-town, and in no sense a fortress. Even the barracks of the former garrison are converted into hospitals and shelters for refugees; and I did not see so much as a squad of soldiers in the city.

It is a foul game; but no less emphatically it is the confession of a bully's impotence.

This double crescent, from Ste Menehould, around Verdun, to St. Mihiel, and from St. Mihiel to the south of Nancy, differs radically in character from the Western front with which our armies are familiar. It is all forest, moor, and, farmland country. There are only three or four considerable towns; the villages are generally wide apart; natural features dominate the character of the war, as agriculture dominates the life of the countryside in times of peace.

At every point where earlier visits enabled me to make a comparison, a remarkable progress was evident, alike in the furnishing and strengthening of the front lines, and in the elaboration of the immense apparatus of support behind them. Sometimes, as in the Argonne, it is the increase of local fortification that is most striking. In the wider areas, as behind Verdun, it is, perhaps, the prodigious growth of the supporting mechanism—railways, roads, camps, stores of all kinds, and their several services.

In the first winter of the war everything was extemporised. The roughest conditions were patiently borne, in the sure anticipation of an early victory. In the second winter these regions resembled the squatters' and miners' camps in the "Wild West" of half a century ago. Caves were cut in the side of the hills; huts and wigwams, more curious than comfortable, were set up in the glades and ravines.

The third winter sees them overtaken by the full flood of military-industrial organisation. Woodmen are still reducing the wealth of forests to build barracks and dugouts, to line trenches, and to lay roads upon the circumambient mud.

### GREAT ENGINEERING WORK.

But it is machinery that gives the characteristic note to the scene. Wherever there was space one feels that the ground has been taken in hand by a master engineer and plotted out to the greatest advantage of a multitude, every individual member of which has his precise place and part in the work of the whole.

Imagine the adult male population of Manchester or Birmingham being spirited out of its homes by some evil genii and planted upon a Yorkshire moorland 500 square miles in extent, there to maintain itself through two summers and three winters.

The Verdun area offered hardly more than three of the innumerable elements needed for the solution of the problem—wood, water, and a certain amount of shelter in its ruined or abandoned villages. The French soldier is, indeed, better prepared, as a rule, than the British townsman to bear the hardships of a wild existence.

On the other hand, Verdun is very far removed from the sources of its supplies; and when the enemy cut the Meuse valley railway and St. Mihiel only one line of normal gauge was left to feed a front something like 80 miles long, to which every pound of food and ammunition, for hundreds of thousands of men, had to be brought from the distant interior of the country.

### TRIANGLE MADE SECURE.

Such was the position when the Crown Prince launched his great offensive. The emergency was temporarily met by the establishment of a remarkable fleet of some thousands of motor lorries. It was a considerable achievement, and was justifiably advertised.

But I remember, on my return, from a visit to Verdun during the summer, being disillusioned by a statesman experienced in these matters, to whom I had enlarged enthusiastically upon the merits of this road traffic. A few figures served to show the tenfold efficiency and economy of the steam engine.

The triangle between the Argonne and the Meuse, of which Douaumont is the apex, is now provided against any sudden stress.

As in the rebirth of labouring England a century ago, everything follows the steam engine. The smallest hamlet is lit electrically; the smallest wayside post has its supply of drinking water. Vast wooden sheds, well heated and drained, take the place of the earlier woodland camps. The sea of mud cannot be conjured away; but it is crossed by scores of new metalled roads.

### MAN'S MONSTROUS CREATIONS.

Sometimes these innumerable and colossal works provoke the horrid thought that we have created a mechanism beyond our power to arrest, that the war machine will roll on its way for years and years to come. Happy the soldier who can limit his imagination to his immediate tasks.

It is certain that this passage from haphazard to scientific organisation represents a considerable saving of life and pain. There was, of course, no choice; when one army is industrialised, its foes must follow suit or perish. The double process tends, if not to deadlock, to a serious postponement of the result. In compensation, it softens the lot of those upon whom our anxieties and affections are chiefly centred, the men who must sustain the perils of the thin red line.

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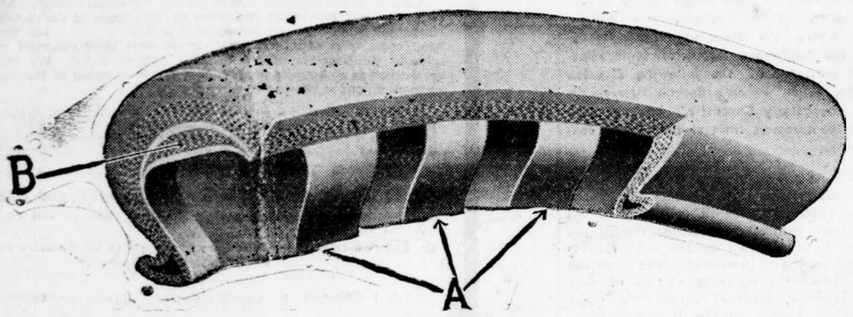


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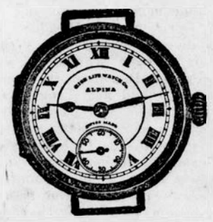

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